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The Duel Extraordinary.

OR THE FRENCH "CODE OF HONOR" IN 1794.

In the winter of 1794, General Moreau being appointed commander-in-chief of the army of the Rhine, establismed his head quarters in the city of Strasbourg.

Strasbourg is a pleasant, spirited, and hospitable town, especially to the military stranger, for the Alsacians are all soldiers, and have consequently a brotherly feeling toward those in the profession of arms; almost all the old men are veteran pensioners, and the youths' highest aspirations are for the arrival of their eighteenth year, and their consequent entrance into the service of their country.

When the 'call' is sounded in Alsace, every tradesman who leaves his shop, every peasant who hastens from his cottage, knows how to load a musket, handle a sabre, and manage a horse; and their old proverb of *'Autant d' hommes, autant de soldats'*—'As many men, so many soldiers have we'—is a true one literally, which is more than can be said of most proverbs.

Being so warlike, they necessarily have the failings of such a character, and are therefore somewhat hot-headed, or rather do *not* possess the saint-like forbearance that might be hoped of them, but they certainly *do* possess eminently the necessary qualifications for making the best light cavalry of France; and their proneness to quarrel generally finds proper outlet in this service, or in chastising the vaporings of some military bully who may happen to be among their garrison.

At the period of which we write, there was a certain young hussar captain named Fournier, who figured rather conspicuously in this character, at the head-quarters of General Moreau, having rendered himself peculiarly obnoxious to the Strasbourgians by his fiery temper, extraordinary skill with his weapons, and his apparently heartless disregard of taking life upon trivial provocation. He had, moreover, excited an especial hatred against himself, by the slaughter of a young man named Blumm, the only survivor of a once numerous and wealthy family in the city, whom, they said, he had challenged without cause, and shot without pity.

The very day of his funeral General Moreau gave a grand *fete*, and the higher class of burghers, to which Blumm was allied, could not well refuse their presence without giving offence; while Fournier, as an officer of the garrison, was of course invited; so that thus the murderer and the friends of his victim would be brought together, and a violent scene might be anticipated. General Moreau knew this, and foresaw that the folly of one man might thus prejudice the character of the whole army.

'A sensible man would stay away,' said he, but Fournier will come, if only to defy his enemies.'

'Faith! then, general,' cried Captain Dupont, Moreau's youngest aid-de-camp, 'the simplest way will be to send him away when he presents himself.'

'But,' replied the commander, 'to send Fournier away is to have 'an affair' with him, for I can't dismiss him officially; and who would get himself into such a difficulty by undertaking to order him out?'

'I will,' said Dupont.

The general reflected: 'Well,' said he at length, 'I agree, on condition that you use my name in the business, and act only under my authority in short, that you will be simply the organ of my wishes; for I have no desire, my dear Dupont, to embroil you with this fire-eater."

The young man bowed respectfully, and bent his head a little lower than was necessary, to conceal a scornful smile, excited by his foresight of the result, in spite of the caution of his general, and his contempt for the danger.

The evening came; the Hotel de Ville was brilliantly lighted; the guests arrived in crowds; Fournier presented himself in his turn: Dupont lay in wait for him in the antechamber, and, before he could divest himself of his mantle, approached him, demanding—'What do you want here?'

'Ah! is it you, Dupont?-good evening! Parbleu! you see what I want; I am come to the ball.'

'Are you not ashamed to come here the very day of the funeral of that unfortunate Blumm?'

'No! Pfaith?'

'But what will his friends, his kindred, who are in the saloons say?'

'They may say what they please—I care not; and, by the way, what business is that of yours?'

'It is the business of every man of spirit!'

'Every man of spirit' is mistaken; I desire no one to meddle with my affairs; and now, if you have gotten through with your little lecture, let me pass; I want to dance.

'You cannot dance!'

'And why not, pray?'

'because you must leave here immediately.'

'Why, I have hardly arrived.'

'And you cannot arrive as far as the saloons; the general orders you to return home.'

'What! he dismisses me?'

'No! he only prevents your being put out.'

'By Heaven! I think you must be joking, with the insult you were charged to put upon me! Do you know what it is to show Fournier the door?'

'Pray suspend your swaggering, and do me the favor to go: I have engaged a partner, and I hear the first bars of the waltz!'

'Listen!' cried Fournier furiously, 'I cannot avenge myself on the general; he is my superior officer, and has the right of impunity; but you! you are my equal; and you have dared to bear half the insult, you shall pay the whole penalty; you must fight me.'

'I have given you, as politely as possible, the message I was charged with,' replied Dupont calmly. 'I have not provoked you idly, but I foresaw how this would act upon such an hector as you are; now hear me? You have annoyed me long enough with your bullying. I am rejoiced at this opportunity, and I shall give you a lesson you will not soon forget!'

Fournier retired, foaming with rage, and, as he slowly left the hall, had the additional mortification of seeing Dupont gayly join the dancers with his fair partner.

He passed a restless night; without the hope of killing Dupont in the morning he would have been most miserable.

But the issue of the combat was not altogether as he anticipated: Dupont gave him a severe wound.

'You lunge well,' said Fournier as he fell.

'Tolerably, as you see.'

'Very well! but now that I understand your trick, you shall not catch me again: I will prove it to you when I recover.'

'You wish to fight again, then?'

'Of course!'

'As you will; I will not balk you!'

And in truth, after a few weeks' care, Fournier was again before his foe; and this time it was he who inflicted a wound on Dupont; saying to him—'You see, you hold your hand too low to recover in time, and, parrying your lunge, I take you thus; and he put three inches of steel in the young man's side.

'Game and game!' cried Dupont, 'the rubber next time!'

This 'rubber' gave rise to some slight difficulties. Fournier pretended that, as the two former encounters were held with the sword, the decisive combat ought to be with the pistol. He urged the most plausable reasons, and assumed the most insinuating tone, to accomplish this, but Dupont claimed the privilege of military men to fight with the weapon they usually wore, and it was well he maintained his ground, for Fournier's skill with the pistol had become proverbial. He had taught his servant to hold a small coin between his finger and thumb, which he struck out with his ball at five and twenty paces; and frequently some hussar of his regiment, passing his window at a gallop, smoking a pipe, had felt the clay shattered between his lips, without knowing to what cause to attribute the accident: it was Fournier, who, exercising with his favorite weapon, had chosen the soldier's pipe as his target. Dupont was wise then to adhere to the sword; and this was maintained through the numerous encounters which lengthened this duel to the unheard-of period of nineteen years.

The 'rubber,' therefore, as Dupont called it, brought no decisive result, each gave the other a slight wound; neither had the advantage, and these two wiseacres, vexed at this negative termination, agreed to continue their meetings until one should confess himself conquered.

One difficulty seemed about to supervene: the regiment of Fournier was to enter active service, and quit Strasbourg the next day. But such a trifle could not long arrest such ingenious imaginations, and they concocted and entered into the following singular covenant:

1st. 'That whenever Messieurs Dupont and Fournier should find themselves at the distance of thirty leaguas from each other—each should advance one half the road, to encounter the other, sword in hand. 2d. That if the duties of his post should prevent either from absenting himself, the other would travel the whole distance, thus meeting both the requirements of discipline, and the necessities of the contract. 3d. That no excuse, other than military duty, would be taken: 4th. That the present treaty being made in all faith and honor, it could only be altered by mutual consent.'

Thus these two monomaniacs fought from time to time, whenever they could meet, and a most curious correspondence was carried on between them on the subject, for instance:

'I am invited to breakfast with the officers in garrison at Luneville, this will afford us, if you like, an opportunity for a few passes. Yours, sincerely, etc.'

And again, wrote Dupont. 'My dear friend, I shall pass through Staltzburg on the 5th of November, wait for me at the Hotel des Postes; we will fence a little if you are inclined.'

Sometimes the promotion of one or the other interfered momentarily with the regularity of their meetings; and the third article of their treaty enjoined obedience to military law, and a cessation of hostilities was thus for a time forced upon them by a difference in rank; but grades were speedily won then, and they were soon equal again; thus F. once wrote:

'My dear Dupont, I hear that the emperor, doing you but justice, has accorded you the rank of General of Brigade. Receive my sincere congratulations upon an advancement which your courage and ability well deserve. This affords me a double satisfaction, since it renews our ability to fight on the first opportunity.'

This singular affair, at length, attracted public attention. Dupont and Fournier ever observed the compact in all its strictness, they were covered with the scars of their numerous encounters, yet they still preserved their old passion for fighting. General Fournier once, with great simplicity remarked—'It is very strange that I, who have always killed my man, cannot get rid of this devilish Dupont!'

In the army, where Dupont was much, and Fournier but little liked, they said commonly, 'that General D. was the best natured fellow in the world, if F. would not annoy him so constantly.'

At length, Dupont received orders to join the army of the Grisons; he travelled Switzerland rapidly, and arrived one morning at a small village, where the head-quarters of his corps were stationed—he was not expected, and no preparation had been made to receive him, there was not even an inn there.

The morning was cold and rainy, and seeing before him a 'chalet,' through whose windows shone a glorious fire, and whose curious external stairway descended even to his feet, as if coquettishly inviting him to share mountain hospitality. Dupont did not hesitate to mount to the door; he found the key in the lock, opened, and entered. A man was seated at a desk with his back to the door—at the noise of its opening, he turned his head, and recognizing the intruder, cried joyously—

'Ah! it is you, Dupont! we will take a turn immediately! It was Fournier who thus spoke.

'Faith, I am ready!' said Dupont.

F. took his sword from the corner of the room, they fell into position—they crossed weapons. All this passed in a moment—to see, recognize, provoke, and attack each other was as natural and spontaneous as to breathe. It was only between the passes they conversed.

'I thought you employed in the interior,' said Fournier.

'The minister gives me the fourth division.'

'Indeed, how fortunate! I command the cavalry there. So you have just arrived?'

'This instant.'

'And thought of me the first thing, how amiable of you!'

'No, really! I did not know you were here; seeing a fire through these windows, as I was about to pass, I stopped to warm myself.'

'This exercise will warm you sufficiently.'

The fight became fiercer—Fournier hazarded a pass which Dupont taking advantage of, pushed him so vigorously that he was forced to give back step by step.

Dupont advanced, steadily within distance, crying, 'Aha! you run! you run!'

'Not at all! I only retreat. Do you think I am going to let you spit me like a sparrow?'

'The room is small, I shall drive you to the wall!'

'We shall see!'

'See then!' and as Dupont said this he pressed Fournier literally into the corner, and his sword, piercing the muscles of F.'s neck, pinned him to the wooden wall like a family portrait badly hung.

'The devil!' cried the spitted general.

'You did not expect this!' said Dupont.

'On the contrary, it is you who do not expect what will happen!'

'Indeed, what is about to happen, then!'

'Why the moment you draw out your sword, I shall thrust mine into your stomach, and you will fall.'

'True!' replied Dupont pressing his sword with great force into the logs of the cottage wall.

'Well, what the devil are you piercing the wood for?'

'I am taking precautions against your lunge in my stomach.'

'You cannot avoid it, the moment you withdraw you die.'

'I shall not withdraw until you throw down your sword.'

'It is impossible for you to keep your arm thus strained for ten minutes, it must drop and you must receive my thrust.'

'You are unreasonable, your blood is flowing, in ten minutes your eyes will close.'

'We shall see.'

'Very well, I am not impatient.'

'Nor I; we will abide the result.'

This contest would probably have been prolonged to a fatal termination, had not the noise of their dispute at length been heard by some officers in another part of the house, who coming hastily upon the scene, separated with much difficulty the obstinate combatants.

When parted, they each claimed the victory, and finally demanded with great gravity to be replaced exactly as they were when separated.—Dupont promising to redix his sword through Fournier's throat without increasing the wound.

The were finally obliged to force the latter to bed, and the former out of the chalet.

Such a result was not calculated to cool their ardor for fighting, and they continued from time to time to give each other fresh scars; they crossed swords in Germany, in Poland, in Spain, in Russia, and in Italy. Time progressed; meanwhile they became generals of division.—Grand cross of all the orders, dignitaries of state, rich and ennobled by the emperor, they were called Count F. and Count D., and they had both grown fat.

Dupont, the more reasonable of the two, often reflected upon the absurdity of so ancient a quarrel, and doubted if it were not better to kill Fournier at once, if possible, and settle their feud forever. This became his fixed determinhtion at the beginning of the year 1815, when he made the acquaintance of a charming young lady whom he resolved to marry; he was convinced that once a husband and a father, he could not risk upon so many foolish hazards, a life which would no longer belong to him alone.

After obtaining the promise of the lady's hand, he waited upon Count Fournier.

'You are come for a bout?' said the latter.

'Perhaps, but I wish first to talk with you.'

'Do me the honor to be seated then.'

'Listen my friend—I am going to be married.'

'What stupidity!' cried F.

'Hum!' said D. musing, 'nevertheless I am going to be married.'

'Allow me to congratulate you.'

'Before consummating this serious step, I wish to finish with you. We have now fought through a period of nineteen years.'

'It is true, 1794 to 1815—how time flies.'

'We have fought indeed too often.'

'It does not appear so to me!'

'As I cannot continue a life which would grieve my poor little wife, I come to propose—in virtue of article 4th of our treaty—to change the mode of combat, and take to the pistol.'

'The pistol!' cried Fournier, astonished.—'With the sword you can defend yourself, but with the pistol—'

'I know your wonderful skill,' replied Dupont, 'but I propose to equalize the chances a little, thus: a friend of mine possesses, at Neuilly, a small enclosed park—a mimic virgin forest—surrounded by a high stone wall, with two gates of entrances, one on the side toward the village, the other on the river bank. We will repair thither, at an hour agreed upon, armed with our horseman's pistols; we will enter, each by a separate gate; once within the wood we will seek each other—and fire—at—will, whenever one sees the other. I do not know the ground any better than you. We shall neither have any advantage.'

'I declare! it is a droll idea!'

'Does it suit you?'

'Yes, if only for its originality—a sort of little Indian warfare, in fact—without witnesses, of course?'

'Of course.'

'At what hour and day, then, shall we enact this little melo-drama?'

'To-morrow, at ten, if you like.'

'Impossible! I see my tailor specially to-morrow—but Thursday, if you are at liberty.'

'Thursday be it then—at ten. There is the key of the gate on the village side.'

'No! give me the other—I adore the river side!'

'Adieu then! do not I pray, give yourself the trouble to conduct me!'

Three days after this interview, just as the church-clock of Neuilly struck ten, two men entered the park of M. Bufraise by separate gates, one on the side toward the village, the other at the opposite extremity on the river, and closing them swiftly, each one drew two long pistols from his riding-coat, and cast a keen, rapid gaze around him. These two men were Fournier and Dupont. After assuring themselves that neither was seen by the other, they began to step cautiously along under the shadow of the trees.

Slowly they proceeded along the dark arched avenues, stopping at every step to listen if the crackling gravel should betoken an approaching footstep, or betray their own—measuring the length of each path they entered—fixing a suspicious eye upon every waving bow and trembling leaf. Slowly and warily they thus continued to advance, their pistols in hand and at full cock, till, at the turn of two intersecting avenues, they came suddenly in full view of each other. By a spontaneous impulse, each sprang to cover—Fournier bobind a giant oak, and Dupont to the protecting bulk of a hoary chestnut—like sharpshooters at the moment of engaging, or perhaps more like two aboriginal warriors of the wilds of the western continent. Scarce thirty paces separated them, but they ran no risk, save by attempting to leave their cover.

What curious reflections must they have made behind these mighty wooden bulwarks, a step from which might cost them their lives.

They rested thus a long time immovable, neither daring to afford the other the advantage of the first fire, till at last Dupont, stimulated by the remembrance of his lady love, decided to begin the battle; but he lost nothing of his caution, and resorted to a *ruse* to deliver himself from his 'ennui.' First he shook slightly the lappel of his riding-coat beyond the protecting circle of his chestnut, to let his foe know he was about to make a move; when he thought this observed, he advanced his left shoulder a little beyond the trunk where his coat had been, and drew it back swiftly; it was just in time, for on the instant a ball stripped a large fragment of bark from the tree exactly where the shoulder had been shown. Fournier had lost one shot!

After a few moments, Dupont began the same manœuvre on the opposite side of the tree, but Fournier was too old a fox to be caught twice in the same trap, and Dupont changed his design to a better semblance of reality. He showed the barrel of his pistol, as if waiting his chance to fire, and taking his hat in his right hand advanced it just to the edge of the left side of his dear chestnut. The hat was held between the fingers of Dupont like the pipes in the mouths of the galloping huzzars; most fortunately, his head was not in it, for Fournier's second ball would assuredly have shattered it. The stratagem succeeded perfectly, the pistols of Fournier were now but harmless tubes, innocent of defence. Dupont stalked forth from his cover, and marched up to the discomfitted general, who prepared to meet him with brave composure.

Standing calmly with his head erect—his eye firm—his arms crossed upon his breast—he remained motionless before the advancing weapons of Dupont.

The laws of dueling are implacable, there can be but one interpretation of their meaning. One is master of his enemy's life with certain restrictions, but one owes his own within the same limits. Fournier awaited therefore, the fate of the conquered; he looked upon death calmly, as a dangerous acquaintance whom he had too often braved, to fear.

Dupont halted two paces from him.

'I have a perfect right to kill you!'

Fournier bowed affirmatively.

'But I cannot draw trigger in cold blood upon the life of a fellow creature. I give you yours!'

'As you please.'

'Understand me!' I give you to-day's grace only. I wish to be master of the property I loan you, it is but a temporary use I yield you, nothing more; if you ever annoy me—if you ever seek to renew this quarrel—if, in short, I have ever cause to complain of you, I shall remind you that I am the legitimate possessor of two balls specially destined to be lodged in your cranium, and we will resume this affair where we now leave off, that is to say, at my first summons, you will come to offer your head for my target.'

'That would be annoying!'

'Faith! I can do no better for you! But we shall not see each other again, I am going to enter domestic life, and shall dispense with the acquaintance of such scapegraces as yourself.—You will travel your road and I mine; I shall never trouble you if you let me alone, but at the first trick of yours, I will pay you the two balls, of which you shall come to give me the receipt. Does this not suit you?'

'None too well!'

'Well then, we will finish at once,' said Dupont sternly, raising his pistol at the same time. 'Decide!'

'Do you think such a decision can be made in a minute?'

'I prefer however, your deciding at once, otherwise I shall have to return here, and the road is is somewhat long.'

'Well! I must accept then, as I have no alternative, and—'

'I care not to hear your motives, they only concern yourselves. Remember, only, that we quarrel no more, that we meet no more, and that in case you rebel, I have two balls in my pistols at your service. Farewell! I hope you may never see me again!'

Putting up his pistols, Dupont walked off, and a few minutes afterward, Fournier left the inclosure, laughing heartily at his misadventure, and returned to Paris to tell his friends the singular termination of the famous duel of nineteen years' duration. But he spoke cautiously of his ancient enemy, and avoided his presence, for he knew Dupont would surely claim and fulfill the terms of the compact; and he preserved through life the superstitious belief that Dupont was of different mould from other mortals, and the only man in the world whom it was impossible to kill!

TRICK OF A LOVER.

One fine winter evening early in the present century, Col. Smith and his maiden sister, Patty, were sitting on either side of a delightful hickory fire, enjoying their *'otium cum dignitate,'* without any interruption, for at least an hour; and that, considering the sex of Miss Patty, was certainly very remarkable. The Colonel was sitting cross legged in a great arm-chair, with his spectacles on, and his pipe in one hand and a newspaper in the other—fast asleep. Miss Patty was moving herself gently forward and backward in a low rocking chair. Close by her feet was the cat, while Carlo was stretched out at full length on the rug in front of the fire, and like his master, fast asleep.

At length the Colonel roused from his nap, took off his spectacles and rubbed his eyes; then glancing at a very large pile of papers that lay on the table near him, said,

'I wish Henry was here to help me about my rents.'

'Well, I really wish he was,' answered his sister.

'I can't expect him this month yet,' yawned the Colonel.

'Had'nt you better send for him?' said his sister.

Upon this the dog got up and walked toward the door.

'Where are you going Carlo?' said the old gentleman.

The dog looked into his master's face, wagged his tail, but never said a word, and pursued his way toward the door, and as he could not well open it himself, Miss Patty got up and opened it for him. The Colonel seemed perfectly satisfied, and was composing himself for another nap, when the loud and cheerful barking of the dog announced the approach of some one, and roused him from his lethargy. Presently the door opened, and a young man gally entered the room.

'Why William Henry, is that you?' said aunt Patty.

'Henry my boy, I am heartily glad to see you,' said the Colonel, getting entirely out of the chair, and giving his nephew a hearty shake of the hand. 'Pray what has brought you home so suddenly?'

'Oh, I do not know,' said Henry, 'it is rather dull in town, so I thought I would just step up and see how you all come on.'

'Well, I am glad to see you—sit down,' said the Colonel.

So do,' said his sister.

'There aunt, is a bottle of first-rate snuff for you; and here uncle, is one of capital Maraschino.'

'Thank you, my boy,' said the Colonel. 'Positively it does my heart good to see you in such fine spirits.'

'And mine too,' said his sister.

Henry, either anxious to help his uncle or himself, broke the seal from the top of the bottle of cordial, and drew the cork, while aunt Patty got some glasses.

'Well my boy,' said the Colonel, whose good humor increased every moment, 'what's the news in B.? Anything happened?'

'No—yes,' said Henry, 'I have got one of the best stories to tell you that you ever heard in your life.'

'Come, let's have it,' said he filling up his glass.

'Well, you must know,' said Henry, 'that while I was in town I met with an old and particular friend of mine, about my own age. About two months ago he fell desparately in love with a young girl, and wants to marry her, but dares not without the consent of his uncle, a very fine old gentleman, as rich as Crœsus—do take a little more cordial.'

'Why, don't his uncle wish him to marry?' in, quired the Colonel.

'O, yes,' resumed Henry, 'but there's the rub He is very anxious that Bill should get a wife, but he's terribly afraid that he'd be taken in, for its generally understood that he is to be the old gentleman's heir. And as for his uncle, tho' very liberal in everything else, he suspects every lady who pays his nephew the least attention, of being a fortune hunter.'

'The old scamp,' said the Colonel, 'why can't he let the boy have his own way?'

'I think as much,' said Patty.

'Well, how did he manage?' said the colonel.

'Why,' said Henry, 'he was in a confounded pickle. He was afraid to ask his uncle's consent right out; he could not manage to let him see the girl, for she lives at some distance. But he knew that his uncle enjoyed a good joke, and was an enthusiastic admirer of beauty: So what does he do but go and get her miniature taken, for she was extremely beautiful, besides being intelligent and accomplished.'

'Beautiful, intelligent, accomplished,' exclaimed the colonel; 'pray what objection could the fool have to her?'

'Why she is not worth a cent,' said Henry.

'Fudge,' said the colonel. 'I wish I had been in the old chap's place. How did he get along?'

'Why, as I said, he had a picture taken, and as it was about the time of collecting rents, he thought it would make the old man good natured if he went home and offered to assist him; and so, answering all inquiries, he took the miniature out of his pocket, handed it to his uncle, and asked him how he liked it—telling him that a particular friend lent it to him. The old gentleman was in ecstacy of delight, and declared he would give the world to see a woman as handsome as that, and that Bill might have her.'

'Ha,' shouted the colonel, 'the old chap was well come up with. The best joke I ever heard; but was she really beautiful?'

'The most angelic creature I ever saw,' said Henry; 'but you can judge for yourself. He lent me the picture, and knowing your taste that way, I brought it for you to look at.'

Here Henry took it out of his pocket, and handed it to his uncle, at the same time refilling his glass. Aunt Patty got out of her chair to look at the picture.

'Well now,' said she, 'that is a beauty.'

'You may well say that, sister,' said the colonel; 'shoot me if I do not wish I had been in Bill's place. Deuce take it, why did you not get the girl yourself, Harry? The most beautiful creature I ever did lay my eyes on, I would give a thousand dollars for such a niece.'

'Would you?' inquired Henry, patting the dog.

'Yes, that I would, replied the colonel, 'and nine thousand more upon the top of it, and that makes ten thousand; shoot me if I would not.'

'Then I'll introduce her to you to-morrow,' said Henry.

As there was a wedding at the house of the worthy colonel the ensuing week, and as the old gentleman was highly pleased with the beautiful and accomplished bride, it is reasonable to suppose that Henry did not forget his promise.

'Tom, the Medium,' thinks that actors ought to be farmers, for they are good at cutting rails, understand fencing generally, and when they are not 'in clover,' it is only sow, sow, with them, till they get quite seedy. He don't know, though, but what they might make bakers, for they always knead their own dough.

Never permit your energies to slumber, but be always active in whatever field you choose to labor.

ANTIQUITIES.

'Nothing,' said one who knew human nature well, 'is more difficult than to make an acceptable present in an acceptable way.' Here is an instance where both were accomplished *'par la gauche,'* as the French phrase goes:

A venerable professor in one of our Northern Universities, who was a great antiquary, and fond of all rarities 'in his line' that could be found on the face of the earth, or under the earth, had *another* affection, almost equal to his pre-eminent *penchant*, and that was a love for Bologna sausages, of which he had always a supply on hand for his own personal use, whether lecturing upon his favorite themes, or in his study, or *'elaboratory,'* as his pupils used to term it. Now this worthy professor had a nephew who was going abroad, who had lived with him for some time, contributed much to his cabinet of antiquarian curiosities, and had become a confirmed favorite. As he was about to sail, the professor handed him a small roll, saying:

'My dear boy, I thank you for your promise to send me whatever is rare or curious 'in my way,' that you may meet with upon your travels. I do not want them so much for myself—I want them for the benefit of science—for that science of the glorious *Past* which throws, and always will, always *must* throw such a gorgeous lustre upon the *Future*. Meantime, take this,' (handing him the 'scroll' to which we have alluded,) 'take this. It is but a *small* present—it may be a God-send, it may save your life.'

The nephew took the 'document,' and sailed upon his voyage.

Three years passed away, and the nephew returned home, having in the mean time visited every port in the Mediterranean.

One morning, a few days after his return, he made his appearance at his uncle's mansion, bearing under his arm a small tin box.

The first greeting over, his uncle said to him, (he had not for a moment lost sight of the tin box,) as he led the way to his museum of antiquated curiosities:

'Well, Ned, what have you got in the tin box, eh? Something rare, I'll be sworn.'

'It *is* something rare,' said the nephew, 'but *what* it is I am sure I cannot tell. I picked it up in Pompeii, but *there* nobody knew what it was.'

And he handed the box to the doctor, who received it as gingerly as if it had been filled with mortgages.

'But stop,' said the doctor, 'we must have Professor G——— here.'

The professer was sent for and came. The box was opened, sundry newspapers were unwound, and its contents were found to consist of one article only. With 'spectacles on nose,' the doctor examined it with minute carefulness. He turned it over and over, looked at it on all sides and all ends, and in all lights; and having finished his survey, he handed it to the professor.

'What *is* that, Professor G———? It is *very* curious.'

The professer examined it as closely as the doctor.

'The *form* is familiar to me,' said he; 'it *looks* very much like a sausage?'

'So it does—it *does*,' chimed in the doctor.—'Don't go, Ned,' said he to his nephew, who had his hand upon the latch of the door; 'don't go, we shall soon know what it is.'

'It *looks* like a sausage,' repeated the professor, solemnly, and putting it to his nose, he added, 'It *smells* like a sausage!' And then, having tasted it, he threw it from him violently, as if it had been a rattlesnake, exclaiming,

'Doctor, it *is* a sausage—a *Bologna* sausage, and a very *bad* one too!'

Perhaps it *was*: but at any rate it was *'the present'* which the uncle had given the nephew, and which possibly had not greatly improved by having voyaged around the world.

'Never,' says the narrator, 'was meanness more appropriately rebuked. The uncle was notorious for his penuriousness; his nephew had been a slave to him and his caprices; and his reward as he was about to leave him, was—a Bologna *sausage*, destined to become a veritable antique!'

PRIMITIVE FOSSILS.—A ridiculous story is going the rounds of our papers credited to the Cincinnati Columbian, of two fossil human bodies being discovered in Pennsylvania, part of them being sand stone, and the head of the male 'composed of quartz and gneiss,' and other primitive rock. The article displays such an amount of ignorance respecting geology, that we must tell the Columbian to acquire more knowledge before it attempts another tale relating to a question of science. It says, the head is composed of quartz and gneiss, whereas the latter is a composite rock, and quartz is one of its constituents.

SHARP'S RIFLE.—The merit of Sharp's American breech-loading rifle has been brought before the British Parliament, and its introduction into the British Army demanded. Mr. Maguire stated that he had witnessed experiments with it when it was fired forty times in five minutes. Col. Knox said he had also seen the weapon tested, and he considered it to be far superior to any other in use. Mr. Monsell also saw it tested, and agreed with all that had been said in its favor by Mr. Maguire. He also stated, however, that as soon as the authorities at Woolwich had tested various rifles, and breech-loading fire arms, and reported on the best, they would at once proceed to manufacture it; at present, the question was between the choice of two—Mr. Sharp's of America, and M. Lenoir's, of Paris.

CLIMATISING ANIMALS AND PLANTS.—The London Literary Gazette advises to establish an Acclimating Society in England like the one in France. The object is to introduce and naturalize useful plants and animals of other countries. France, through its Society, has come into possession of the yaks of Thibet, which combine the utility of the cow, the ass, and the sheep; of certain species of fish peculiar to Germany and Switzerland; of silkworms from Piedmont; of goats from Algeria; of nutritious tubers and plants from South America, &c., &c. In a recent sitting, strong recommendations were made that the ass of Arabia, which, in addition to the qualities of the European ass, possesses speed; the ewes of Arabia, which feed on little, and give abundant milk; the sheep of Kollo, which produce a vast quantity of wool; and the zebra, shall be naturalized in Western Europe.

Such a society in our country might do a great deal of good.

GOOD ADVICE.—The following beautiful paragraph is taken from the address delivered before the graduating class of Rutger's College, by the Hon. Theodore Frelinghuysen:—

'Resolve to do something useful, honorable, dutiful; and do it heartily. Repel the thought that you can, and therefore you may, live above work and without it. Among the most pitiable objects in society is the man whose mind has not been trained by the discipline of education; who has learned how to think, and the value of his immortal powers, and with all these noble faculties cultivated, and prepared for an honorable activity, ignobly sits down to do nothing; with no interest in the concerns of his country, or even his neighborhood, to be regarded as a drone, without object or character, with no hand to lift, and no effort to put forth to help the right or defeat the wrong. Who can think with any calmness of such a miserable career. And, however it may be with you in active enterprise, never permit your influence to go into hostility to truth and virtue. So live, that with the Christian poet you may truthfully say: that—

"'If your country stand not by your skill,
At least your follies have not wrought her fall."

It was a pertinent and forcible saying of the Emperor Napoleon, that 'a handsome woman pleases the eye, but a good woman pleases the heart; one is a jewel, the other a treasure.'

The Fireman's Journal.

MARCUS D. BORUCK, ... Editor.

SAN FRANCISCO:

SATURDAY MORNING, JUNE 30, 1855

FIREMEN'S MEETINGS,

Board of Foremen, This (Saturday) evening.
Empire Co, No 1—Friday evening July 6
Manhattan Co, No. 2—Monday evening, July 2.
Howard Co, No. 3—Wednesday Evening, July 4
California Co, No. 4—Saturday evening, July 7.
Knickerbocker Co, No. 5—This (Saturday) evening.
Monumental Co, No. 6—Tuesday evening, July 3.
Volunteer Co, No. 7—Thursday evening, July 5.
Pacific Co, No. 8—Tuesday evening, July 3.
Vigilant Co, No. 9—Monday evening, July 2.
Crescent Co, No. 10—Monday evening, July 2.
Columbian Co, No. 11—Wednesday evening July 4.
Pennsylvania Co, No. 12—Wednesday evening, July 4
Young America Co, No. 13—Friday evening. July 6
St Francis H. & L. 1—Wednesday evening, July 4.
Lafayette H. & L. 2—Monday morning, July 2, 9 A M
Sansome H. & L. 3—This (Saturday) evening.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 25, 1855.

MR. MARCUS D. BORUCK,
Editor Fireman's Journal,

DEAR SIR:—There being no public journal in this State devoted to the Volunteer Military service which we represent, (in this city,) and as the cause to which your popular journal is devoted is so deeply associated with that of our own, may we ask of you a portion of your columns in future to advocate this branch of the service, in connection with the Fire Department of the city of San Francisco?

We are, very respectfully,
Your obedient servants,
THOMAS D. JOHNS,
Capt. First California Guard Light Battery.
J. ROWELL,
Capt. First Light Dragoons.
THOMAS HAYES,
Capt. National Lancers.
WM. R. GORHAM,
Capt. San Francisco Blues
JOHN A. CLARK,
Capt. City Guard.
W. NEELY JOHNSON,
Capt. Marion Rifles.

We comply, with pleasure, with the request contained in the above, and tender our acknowlegements for the kind sentiments in which it is expressed. In our next issue we shall endeavor to render the 'Journal' interesting to the Military of San Francisco, for theirs is an organization entitled to the support and confidence of the community, and one in which all should take pride in seeing successful. There cannot be found in any city of the Union, a body of citizen soldiery having so large a number of brave and talented men in their ranks, as the Military of this city. We feel it to be a high honor to be recognized as the head of a press devoted to their cause and its attributes.

THE FIRE BONDS.

The Fire and Water Committee during the past week, has approved the plans and signed the specifications for building a majority of the new Engine Houses. Several of the companies not having their plans in readiness, go over to the action of the incoming administration. From present appearances, the delay will make but very little if any difference, as in consequence of the attachments on the Funds arising from the Fire Bonds, those companies, having all the proper requisites arranged, cannot proceed with the building, for the reason that the money applied to the same is not forthcoming.

The ordinance distributing the Funds, rendered it imperative upon the trustees of the various companies to give bonds in double the amount of their several appropriations to deliver the buildings to the city, within sixty days, free from any lien than the precise amount of the appropriation. The manifest injustice of such an arrangement, was felt by the parties interested, and upon a proper representation being made, the ordinance was amended so as to read, that the buildings should be delivered over to the city, within sixty days after the appropriations were paid into the hands of the trustees, This was just as bad as the other arrangement, the funds being attached, not even the spirit of 'Lane' could tell when they would be forthcoming, and therefore the trustees elected to superintend the various engine houses would, (if they went on with the work) not only be responsible to those with whom they contracted for their houses, but would also be compelled to make over the buildings to the city, within sixty days from the time of their commencement.

Thus the matter stands, and the members of the Department have a perfect right to complain of the shabby treatment they have received, from a class they have every reason to demand support from—those attached to their own organization. It was supposed at first, that the City Treasurer would (as he has already done in more than one case,) have given a check for the appropriations to those ready to receive them, provided he was indemnified from any loss, but it is said that even this has been refused, although the trustees are ready to give the Bonds. As it is now, some 10 or 12 companies have been to great trouble, the members spending their own time, and that of their friends to consummate a business, which has been under consideration for more than a year, and they are left powerless in carrying out their projects, on account of the proceedings of a few men. Rumor has it, that several of the parties who have attached the Fire Bond Funds are willing to release their attachments, and allow the companies composing the Department to receive what is legally their own. If such be the case, why do not some of the attaching parties make a begining in deeds, not in words. If those who have the largest attachments on the Funds, will release them and say "we have done it," not that "we mean to do it," the matter could be easily disposed of. The whole affair is confined in a nutshell; the Fire Bond Funds should never have been attached, and particularly by those professing to be firemen, and property holders, for there was a sufficiency of other property belonging to the city, just as susceptible of an attachment as the money appropriated to the Department, but the idea formed, was, that sooner than the Fire Department's interests hould be sacrificed the attachments would be removed, by the city authorities, and the Department Funds allowed to flow through their legitimate channel. The Common Council consulted "the best legal authority," and learned that the attachments would not hold good, and took no further notice of the matter, except to pass a joint resolution ordering the City Attorney to have them removed. They still hold good however—have not yet been removed, and the result will be that the present perfect organization of the Department, will be destroyed, and the parties instigating the same will not be brought to their senses, until ruin again overtakes the city.

It is an utter impossibility, as every one of any common sense must know, to keep a company organized effectively, unless the men composing it have the proper comforts around them. All classes of society from the highest to the lowest, whether socially or publicly organized, must be properly protected and cared for, otherwise they become disorganized and useless. Ministers of the gospel must have costly edifices to preach in and high salaries paid them for their work, otherwise they labor but faintly in the cause of their master, who was content to preach upon a mount. Lawyers must be well paid, live in palaces, and quaff rich wines, otherwise theirs is but a brief existence. Doctors must ride in elegant cushioned vehicles with as handsomely caparisoned steeds to draw them, and with one hand on the pulse of the wrist, the other on that greater pulse of the patient—the pocket—for were it not so, physic might in reality be thrown to the dogs.

Theatrical stars must strut their brief hour on the most gorgeous stage, perform before the most splendid houses, and receive "all the house" after they have been paid their share, otherwise their stars are unlucky ones. And so on, the whole chapter might be gone through with, and there is no reason why the firemen, who labor in their peculiar vocation 'without money and without price,' should not have the same comforts and conveniences.

Monumental Company, No. 6.

The design of the Engine House for this Company, which is to be situated on Brenham Place, is, by far, the most elaborate we have seen, and will incur an expenditure for its completion which will far exceed the limited appropriation for the purpose. But the company, actuated by that zeal which characterizes them, have devoted from themselves a sufficient amount to erect a beautiful cut stone building, the first story of which is to be Granite, and the second, of Free stone. The style of architecture selected, is the Roman. The pilasters in front are to be of the Corinthian order, which support a cornice of the same style. The front presents a broken outline, the centre portion forming a pediment, within which there has been provisions made for a clock. Over the pediment, is a cupola, of an octagonal form, with eight Corinthian columns, one on each angle, which support an entablature and dome.

The interior arrangements are of a nature to afford accommodations in every particular, being divided into large rooms, some of which are provided with racks, stands and lockers, with such arrangements as are required for the use and convenience of the company. The execution of the drawings reflect much credit on the artistic skill of Mr. Bridgens.

Crescent Company, No. 10.

The Crescent Fire Engine Company, the location of whose building is to be on Pacific street, between Kearny and Montgomery streets, have selected a design which is very suitable for the purpose, and possessing every advantage that can be had from the dimensions of the ground and the location. The lower portion of the building, like that of the Monumental, is to be of granite, but not of so expensive a character. The style of architecture of this building is a pleasing adaptation of Modern Italian, which for street buildings, and particularly for those of limited frontage, possesses all the advantages that can be acquired, and is susceptible of much ornament. The bell tower is very neat, and of considerable elevation. Apart from the usual arrangements for Engine Houses, in connection with this house there is to be a Hose Tower, of from thirty to forty feet in height, which is to occupy a portion of the yard, and to which the Hose Carriage can be conveyed through a large doorway in the rear of the building, and by which arrangement all the washing and cleaning of the apparatus can be effected in the rear of the building. The upper story consists of two rooms, one for the meeting of Committees, which forms an ante-room and leads to the Meeting Room. The latter being of sufficient size for meetings or social entertainments. The architects for this building are Messrs. Craine & England.

The number of persons that have taken passage for the East, by the Panaman and Nicaragua steamers since January 1, 1855, is as follows:—Males, 7,496; females, 529; children, 346. Of this number the mail steamers carried 5,037, and the Nicaragua steamers 3,334.

A splendid set of guide flags were presented to the 'Vigilant Company, 9,' on Thursday evening last, by a lady of the Second Ward. The flags are most exquisitely made of white silk, three feet long by two wide, with a border of deep silk fringe. Attached to each of the flags is a set of heavy silk cord and tassels. The word 'Vigilant' is in red silk letters, on one side, and in blue on the reverse. They are beautiful, and will be proudly borne by a worthy company.

The steamship Sonora, Capt. R. L. Whiting, and the Cortes, Capt. A. M. Burns, leave to-day with mails, passengers and treasure for the Atlantic States; the former via Panama, at nine o'clock, A. M., and the latter via San Juan, at 3 o'clock, P. M. Both steamers are in splendid order for a comfortable and speedy passage down the coast.

Mr. Solomon Sharp, a talented lawyer of this city, has tendered his services, gratuitously, to the Department, for the purpose of endeavoring to have the attachments on the Fire Bond Fund released.

A grand complimentary benefit in aid of the Fire Department Charitable Fund, takes place at the 'Metropolitan Theatre,' on Monday evening next. Madame Thorn, Signor Scola, Signor Lanzoni, Josh Silsbee, Professor Risley, Mons. D'Evani, and a host of other talent have volunteered their services on the occasion. The bill presented for the evening's performance, is a splendid one, and we do hope that the Fund will be increased materially through the efforts of our citizens. The benefit is tendered by Professor Risley and Mons. D'Evani.

The Lafayette Hook and Ladder Company 2, parade on Monday next, July 2d, and visit the Mission Dolores, where they will be received by 'Young America Engine Company, No. 13.' Mr. H. A. Cobb, the Foreman of Lafayette, having returned, will be in command. The members of the Lafayette, in efficiency, discipline and deportment, are not excelled, and their organization is an honor to the Department.

A few nights since, during the prevalence of a high wind, a member of the Department while walking through Brenham Place, discovered smoke in the neighborhood of the Portsmouth House, and upon examining into the cause, found the interior of a tailor's store, situated underneath the Hotel, on fire and burning rapidly. Hastily calling assistance, the fire was extinguished, and the lives of a number of persons saved by its opportune discovery. The whole thing was accomplished without disturbing any one.

We were shown this morning, a present, designed for Mr. Chas. J. Torbert, the Foreman of Confidence Engine Company 1, of Sacramento, from his friend, Mr. Geo. J. Hobe, of Empire 1, of this city. It consists of a belt of white enamelled leather, on which, in solid gold letters, is the word 'Foreman.' The clasp of the belt is in the form of a cap front, and is also of solid gold; in the centre of which is engraved the figure '1.' 'Confidence' being inscribed above it; and below the figure—'Charles J. Torbert, from Geo. J. Hobe, of Empire No. 1, of San Francisco.' It is a massive and elegant affair, and was manufactured by Mr. Charles Wray.

Humanity and kindness are oftener evinced and better expressed among the brute species than among those who control them. For instance: at a hospital situated on the Presidio road there are two cats, male and female; they are old residents of the place. The latter, through the mischievousness of a boy in the neighborhood, became totally blind, and of course helpless, but, it appears, not friendless; for her companion, as soon as her situation was apparent, commenced a series of kindnesses and attentions which still continue. In the morning the male may be seen leading, with care and affection, his wounded mate, and guiding her steps carefully, brings her to a little shady nook in the field, which their own instinct assisted them in discovering. After the male places his mate comfortably in her garden apartment, he proceeds to the house, procures meat for her subsistence, carries it to her, and remains by her side until the shades of evening draw near, when the same attention is paid in leading his blind friend to the house; and thus it is kept up from day to day, the same sympathy, the same care and attention, unwavering and undying—a lesson for those who have others looking up to them for protection and support, to profit by.

The sale of property yesterday, by the order of Mr. Batturs, City Tax Collector, was largely attended. But a portion of the property advertised was sold. The sale is to be continued from day to day until finished. The bidding was not very spirited at first, but gradually became more active. The sailing of the steamers to-day probably made a difference in the result.

The weather yesterday was intensely hot; the good old northwest winds were sadly wanting. Towards evening, cool breezes sprung up, and in the evening the retired streets of the city presented quite a lively appearance, as many persons took advantage of the beautiful moonlight for a quiet stroll.

Three handsome fire-caps of thirty-two cones each, are to be forwarded to the Chief and Assistants of the Stockton Fire Department, as a present from the invited guests of the Howard's, on their late excursion.

The attention of the Street Commissioner is called to the fact, that thirty feet of the Oriental Hotel is built upon the street, at the corner of Battery and Market streets, and as it is now situated is a great defect to the beauty of both those streets. It is a matter of surprise that the subject has not been before attended to. The poor persons who occupied the square in front of the Oriental, with lumber, &c., were obliged to remove at a very short notice; but it appears in this instance there was a law for the rich and one for the poor. The wing of the Oriental alluded to, has no more right to occupy its present position, than its owners have a right to build in the centre of the street. Let the proper officers therefore perform their duty, and see that it is removed.

The Illustrated Wide West, for the coming holiday, has been laid upon our desk. The engravings, which are quite numerous, are truthful and finely executed, and appear to have been gotten up with great care by the artists engaged upon them. The paper, which is a valuable one, will doubtless meet with a large sale.

The Board of Supervisors, at their meeting on Monday last, appropriated $500 towards the monument to be erected to the memory of Edward Gilbert—an amount worthily bestowed. We understand that a benefit will probably be given at one of the theatres in aid of the Monument Association. Success to it.

The benefit to be given at the American Theatre, in aid of the Orphan Asylums of this city, will take place on Friday evening of next week. An excellent and attractive bill of performances will be presented, and the inducements the sterling acting of the stock company of the American holds out to the charitably inclined, will be amply sufficient to draw a crowded audience.

The old engine formerly used by the "Vigilants" has been sent to Marysville, for the use of the Department there during the absence of the "Yubs."

The *Alta* of Tuesday says, in speaking of the Metropolitan, that 'the audience was not large at this theatre last evening, though the performances of Professor Risley and Mons. D'Evani were as wonderful as ever. There was a very attractive dramatic bill also, which kept the greater part of the house seated until the close.'

As the 'Metropolitan' was not open on the night in question, the audience was not compelled to be seated any very great length of time.

FROM OREGON.

The steamship 'Southerner' arrived yesterday from Oregon; by her we learn that the steamer 'America' was totally destroyed by fire, at half-past three o'clock on Sunday afternoon, the 24th inst. From the Crescent City Herald we glean the following in relation to this unfortunate accident:—

After the mail and express matters had come ashore, an unusual quantity of smoke issued from the vessel, and conjecture was busy for a few minutes respecting the cause. But conjecture was soon solidified into certainty. The vessel was on fire, and a scene of excitement, both on shore and at sea, followed, which we have but feeble powers of painting. Lighters, boats and canoes surrounded the fated vessel and dotted the bay, we could see from shore that those on board were making almost superhuman exertions to master the threatened calamity. All the soldiers who could be spared from the vessel were soon sent ashore, and in about half an hour after the extra smoke was first perceived, we could see the paddle wheels beginning to move, and this fine ship was run aground in the shallow water, about 100 or 150 yards from shore. Buckets, ladders, ropes and everything deemed useful, were sent on board with a rapidity and energy truly surprising, and to which no praise can do justice. At times we believed that the fiery element must yield to such a mass of gigantic and united exertion; but no, the dense smoke gradually deepened and darkened, the efforts on board became feebler on account of the impossibility of men maintaining their positions, and a sheet of clear flame that tore through the black smoke, proclaimed the triumph of the destroyer. Human power was vanquished. The vessel from stem to stern was soon a mass of flame, whose brightness was painful to the eye. She was left to her fate. The greedy flame fed eagerly, and on Monday morning, a charred, smouldering and hideous skeleton was all that remained of the so lately compact, swift, and sea worthy steamer America.

The America was not insured for a single dollar, and Captain Wright's loss will amount to $140,000. No lives were lost. There were on board at the time 132 men belonging to the U. S. army. The America was 923 tons register, built in 1853.

THE BOARD OF FOREMEN.—The Board of Formen have held several meetings relative to the visiting companies from Marysville and Sacramento, and have arranged that the Confidence Engine Company, No. 1, of Sacramento, shall be received by Knickerbocker, No. 5, of this city, by whom they shall be escorted during their visit, that Company having requested the Board of Foremen to grant them that privilege, which was readily acceded to. Yuba Company, No. 2, of Marysville, will probably be received by the Sansome H. and L. Co., No. 3, the same company performing escort duty for its members. The visiting companies will leave Sacramento, together, on the morning of Tuesday, the 3d July, arriving here about three o'clock, P. M. The entire Department will parade and receive them, the Chief Engineer and his Assistants having charge of the line. After the apparatus of the visiting companies is housed, an entertainment will be in readiness for the members composing those companies. In the evening the American Theatre and other places of amusement will be visited. On the Fourth of July the companies will parade, accompanied by their escorts, and partake of such hospitalities as are tendered by their brother Firemen, and also by the Military. In the evening, a dinner tendered by the San Francisco Fire Department will be given in honor of the visiting companies. The officers of the Board of Delegates are to be invited to the dinner, and each company is to elect three members to be its representatives on the occasion. The dinner will probably be given at Russ' Garden, on the Mission Road. On the 5th, the Military will extend other courtesies to the visiting Firemen, and on the afternoon of the 5th they will leave for their homes.

We regret sincerely that the Board of Assistants adjourned finally, without concurring with the Board of Aldermen, in passing the appropriations for the bell tower, and Pennsylvania Company; that the former requires extensive alterations and repairs all must admit, and that it should be left in its present state for three or four months longer, and during a season when the watchman on the tower should be more careful than at any other period, is decidedly wrong. Some definite amount should have been appropriated for the repair of those cisterns, which are in a leaky condition, and there are not a few of them; the only benefit to accrue from leaving them in their present condition will inure to the water carrier; for a thousand gallons of water is no sooner poured into some of the cisterns, than it vanishes to parts unknown.

The frame buildings on the southerly side of Clay street, Nos. 183 and 185, are to be pulled down on the first of the month, to give place to a fine brick edifice, 24 by 50, three stories in height, to be erected by Mr. John Sime. The first story is to be of iron, and the whole building will be an ornament to the street; Messrs. Craine and England are the architects.

The Ordinance distributing the proceeds of the Fire Bonds, is void on and after Monday next. The new Charter goes into effect that day, and all previous ordinances die out. Those companies who have not yet selected plans for their new houses, and have not had their contracts for building given out under the present Council, will be compelled to wait until the new Council organizes, and then have a separate and distinct ordinance passed, making the requisite appropriation.

The Board of Supervisors have made an appropriation of $1,000 to the military to celebrate the National Anniversary. For the last two years all the powder that has been burnt in firing salutes, and announcing the arrival of 'gala days,' has been paid for out of the *private* pockets of one or two officers, and if rumor is correct, the officer in command of a 'light Battery,' has found on more than one occasion, that the repeated presentation of bills for powder were getting to be too heavy for even his guns. For the present the Supervisors have come to the rescue.

Mr. John D. Sanborn has been appointed the attorney of Messrs. Adams & Co., in New York, to settle up all their outstanding affairs in this city. His office is at Hawes & Co.'s on Sacramento, near Leidesdorff street.

The Ordinance repealing Ordinance No. 282, extending the fire limits, goes into effect to-day. The limits are Stockton, Front, Vallejo and Sutter streets. The Fire Wardens have signified their intention of rigidly enforcing the observance of the Ordinance.

We acknowledge the receipt of an invitation to attend the Ball to be given by the 'Crescent Hook and Ladder Company, No. 1,' of Crescent City. We wish the participants every enjoyment, regretting we cannot be present.

The case of the 'Theatrical Managers,' for violation of the law relative to 'barbarous and noisy amusements,' has been postponed until this afternoon, at 2 o'clock. It had better be postponed indefinitely. We have every respect for the Sabbath, and allow no one to go a single step in advance of us in reverence for its institutions, and we never go to a theatre or public place of amusement ourselves on a Sunday evening. We have no respect however for a law which is oppressive in its effect. Religious feeling must come from inclination and persuasion; it can never be legalized. All the laws that an hundred Legislatures might pass, would not make a single convert. Religion cannot be forced upon any one, it is a matter wholly of the conscience, and we certainly think that the conscience of the man upon whom an impression could be made by a law, passed by a Legislature who adjourned with the avowed purpose of attending divine service on a day when all hearts are turned in prayer toward the Almighty for his blessings conferred through the year, when the actual cause of an adjournment was to attend a horse race, must be of a very weak nature. We believe that no good will be attained by this so-called Sunday Law. There is a class of society who attend theatres on Sunday evening, who would as lief think of entering a house on fire as a church, and were it not for the theatres, their time would be passed in other less profitable places, and with more danger to the community. We do not think the time has quite arrived in this State for any such law. Before it was in force, our churches were as well filled, our people as orderly, and society as well organized. Our theatres are far away from any church, and congregations cannot be disturbed by them. The amusements are certainly not barbarous, and we cannot for the life of us see what harm can accrue from them. We all congratulate ourselves that we live in a free and republican country, and why should we deprive others of the right of claiming that privilege which we enjoy, of doing as we please?

Washington Square is being filled up and graded; in a short time the city will be in possession of a handsome square upon which some three or four thousand dollars might be expended to great advantage, in laying it out in walks and garden plots. Care should be taken to obtain one or two fine large parks in the city, before it is built up so completely that a person will be compelled to go out of town to breathe the fresh air. This was the case in New York, the city covering thousands of acres, without a single spot that could properly be called a park, until very lately, when the Legislatnre passed an act purchasing about seven hundred acres of ground on the edge of the city for a park. These openings or squares in a city are the lungs through which it breathes and retains its health.

The July number of the 'Pioneer Magazine,' which we have received, is superior to its predecessors, and forms a combination of delightful reading matter. The 'Pioneer' will take the front rank in the literature of our State.

Howard Engine Company, No. 3.

At a meeting of the Howard Engine Company, No. 3, of San Francisco, held at their Engine House on the evening of the 25th instant, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted;

WHEREAS, The Howard Engine Company No. 3, and their guests, having lately returned from a visit to their brother Firemen of Stockton; and whereas, their reception in that goodly city, from the alpha to the omega of their sojourn, having been attended with so much eclat and hospitality, a proper sense of pride and gratitude requires that what poor acknowledgment words can convey, should be given by us heartily and with a will: therefore,

Resolved, That the thanks of this Company be hereby tendered to the entire Stockton Fire Department for their handsome reception, generous hospitality, and untiring attention extended to us during our sojourn in their midst.

Resolved, That the polite and courteous attentions of the Chief Engineer, Mr. Colt, and his Assistants, Lester and Clark, expressing the good feeling of the entire Department, merits our special acknowledgments; and we can only congratulate the city in being represented by gentlemen so worthy the position they occupy.

Resolved, That the the thanks of the Company be tendered to Dr. Holden for his hearty co-operation and bountiful collation at Oak Grove; and to his accomplished and affable lady for her many kind attentions extended to us; and it is a source of regret that our limited time prevented us from giving them a substantial proof of our appreciation of their magnificent collation and spiritual accomplishments.

Resolved, That we fully appreciate the many hospitable arrangements of Mrs Zachariah Mrs. Mersfelter, and other ladies of Stockton; to Miss Elizabeth Manning, for repairing our banner; to the ladies of Capt. Weber a family for the generous donation of flowers to decorate our engine; and especially are our thanks due to Miss Rosanna Starkweather who, with a true womanly feeling, resigned her state room for our wounded comrade.

Resolved, That the hospitalities of Stockton were conducted upon such a wholesale system, that it is almost impossible to particularize, but we cannot forget to mention the magnificent dinner which was served up at Zacatecas Gardens by Mr. Zachariah and lady, and to acknowledge the unremitting attentions of the Committee to the wants of their guests. To borrow the concise language of Chief Engineer Colt, we never "pitched in" to a more elegant repast.

Resolved, That our memory is particularly charged with the handsome reception we met at the Insane Asylum at the hands of Dr. Reid and his estimable lady, and Dr Cowan, together with the trustees of the Asylum; and that we congratulate the State on the orderly and systematic management of so humane and laudable an institution having fallen into hands so capable and trustworthy.

Resolved, That we appreciate the open-hearted liberality of "Jack Keeler" with his motto displayed of "Welcome Howards," and that we are prepared to give "Jack" a certificate that he is a good boy, whenever he may call on us.

Resolved, That we have not forgotten the many attentions shown us by Marshal Vance, nor of Capt Billy Wall, whose gun always gives a good report of himself; of Mr. Samuel Baldwin, Gen. Booker, Capt. Vansickle, Mr. Crinn of the "Orleans," Mr Frank Corcoran, Mr. McCormick, Mr James Mairs, Mr. John Murphy, to the proprietors of the Weber House, for their watchful attention to our comforts, and to Capt. C. F. Powell, Foreman of Eureka, No. 2, and Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements; to Capt. Potter, and the Foreman of San Joaquin, No 3—to these, and to many others, we beg leave to tender our warmest acknowledgments, and to assure them and their fellow citizens of Stockton that the recollection of their hospitality will never be blotted from the tablets of our memory.

Resolved, That our thanks are due to Messrs. Lee & Marshall for a "carte blanche" to their well conducted Circus during our stay.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Company are respectfully offered to the liberal proprietors of the California Steam Navigation Company, and especially to Capt. Seely and the gentlemanly officers of the Dragoon, feeling assured that nothing that we can say of the management of this queen of boats would be deemed superfluous.

Resolved, That our grateful acknowledgments are hereby tendered to Mrs. Kohler, of Stockton street, for the beautiful banner, her own fair handiwork, presented us on the eve of our departure, and we assure the fair and liberal donor, that in the manly rivalry of a Fireman's life, we shall not "shrink from danger," when cheered on by the smiles and encouragement of her lovely sex. To Mrs. Stillman, who presented the mammoth bouquet of 280 roses, and to Mrs. Handy, of Minnie street, who tendered the wreath of natural flowers, we can only return our thanks in the poor eloquence of words, and remind them we have added to each beautiful gift, a simple flower of the heart, "the Forget me-not."

Resolved, That to one gratifying feature of our celebration (our reception by our brother Firemen on our return) what language can convey a just sense of our appreciation of their generous welcome home again? To say that it was handsomely done, and worthy so gallant a set of gentlemen, is but to serve the ends of truth and gratitude. How can we ever repay them? By emulating their bright and manly qualities; by working hand and hand with them, to preserve harmony and good feeling in the Department, and to maintain it where it now stands, on the topmost pinnacle of public faith and confidence.

Resolved, That the most heartfelt thanks of this company be presented to Empire No. 1; California No. 4; Knickerbocker No. 5; Monumental No. 6; Volunteer No. 7; Pacific No. 8; Vigilant No. 9; and Lafayette Hook and Ladder Co. No. 2; and others of the San Francisco Department, for their handsome reception of us on our return.—To Capt. Johns and the California Guard, for the truly military and soldier-like manner in which the salute was fired and the escort taken up; to California No. 4; Knickerbocker No. 5; Volunteer No. 7; and Howard Reserve, for the plentiful and liberal refreshments furnished us and our guests.

Resolved, That our thanks are due to the California State Telegraph Company, for the free use of their lines during our visit; and that we earnestly recommend the obliging and efficient manner in which the American Band deported themselves.

Resolved, That we deeply and fully appreciate the kindness extended to our wounded comrade (Mr. Rezeau) by our own Chief Engineer, C. P. Duane, Esq., on his arrival in this city, and for the interest he manifested, we hereby tender him our most heartfelt thanks. je30

THEATRICAL.

On Monday night Mr. Wheatleigh took a benefit at the American, and it proved to be truly a benefit in every sense of the word. The house was crowded to excess, and the audience was enthusiastic in applause of the beneficiary. The pieces presented—Hawk, Sparrow & Co.,' and the 'Debutante,' were played for the first time, and each actor and actress, from the 'Hawk' to the 'Sparrow,' were perfect. Mr. Wheatleigh never performed better. He is a general actor who has no superior in California, and deserves the warm commendations he nightly receives from his many warm personal and professional friends. During the other evenings of the week, the theatre was well attended, but not crowded. Sterling plays continue to be the order of the day at this establishment, and as long as they are got up in the same style as of late, the American must be the fashionable place of amusement in San Francisco.

To night, a great bill is offered—'Much Ado About Nothing,' M'lle. Thierry and Mons. Bernardelli; and the successful comic drama of the 'Debutante,' in which Mrs. Thoman, Mrs. Collins and Mr. Wheatleigh perform the principal characters. A well filled house will be the consequence.

The Metropolitan has been closed during the week, but will re-open on Monday night, when the greatest and most attractive bill ever yet offered to a California audience will be presented, for the benefit of the Fire Department Charitable Fund. It will be seen by reference to the advertisement, that many of the stars of the first magnitude have volunteered their aid on this occasion, for which the Department owe them many thanks. We trust to see the Metropolitan more densely crowded on Monday evening than on any other occasion. The cause demands it, and the great attractions will doubtless secure it.

The people never tire of hearing the Sable Harmonists at San Francisco Hall. The house is well filled every night, and is sometimes uncomfortably crowded. Jno. Smith is a leading card, and although a high star in the East, he does not now shine with as much brilliancy, because he is here surrounded by stars of the same magnitude. An hour or two could not be more pleasantly spent than by a visit to the Minstrels.

At the Musical Hall, the Artists' Masquerade Ball, given every Wednesday night, are attended by large and well pleased audiences, who apparently experience much enjoyment. Everything is conducted in admirable style by the attentive managers, and no incident has yet occurred to mar the pleasures of the evenings. On next Wednesday night another Masquuerade Ball will be given, and we expect to see a large and pleased audience in attendance.

The Democratic State Convention assembled at Sacramento on the 27th, and temporarily organized. On the 28th, Hon. Charles S. Fairfax, of Yuba, was elected President, and John H. Sheppard, of San Francisco, Secretary. But one ballot was had on the 28th for Governor, with the following result: For Bigler, 128, Latham, 115, Walsh, 39. On the 29th, on the second ballot, Governor Bigler was renominated, he having received 157, Latham, 120, scattering, 3; necessary to a choice, 139. Mr. Bigler was therefore declared nominated for Governor. Hon. Samuel Purdy was nominated for Lieutenant Governor on the first ballot, he having received 134 votes, 263 being cast. The Convention then adjourned until 3 o'clock.

METROPOLITAN THEATRE.

ACTING AND STAGE MANAGER.....MR. BAKER
LEADER OF THE ORCHESTRA.....MR. TYTE.
MACHINIST.....MR. STACKHOUSE.
TREASURER.....MR. DOLIDON.
MUSICAL DIRECTOR.....MR. GEORGE LODER.

GRAND
COMPLIMENTARY TESTIMONIAL
TENDERED TO THE
Fire Department Charitable Fund,
—BY—
PROFESSOR RISLEY & MONS. D'EVANI,
On which occasion the following eminent artists have in the kindest manner volunteered their valuable services:

Madame Barili Thorn,
Signor Carlo Scola,
Signor Lanzoni,
Mons. Langlaise,
Josh Silsbee,
Mr. William Barry,
Mr. D. C. Anderson,
Mr. Wilder,
Mrs. J. B. Booth,
Mrs. Burrill,
Mrs. Everard,
AND THE
ITALIAN OPERA TROUPE,
Together with
Mr. George Loder, Mr. Tyte, and the full Orchestra.

On Monday Evening, July 2d,
Will be presented the admirable Vaudeville entitled
MR. & MRS. WHITE,

Mr. Peter White.....Mr. Wm. Barry.
Major Pepper.....Mr. Anderson.
Frank Brown.....Mr. Wilder.
Mrs Peter White.....Mrs. J. B. Booth.
Widow White.....Mrs. Burrill.
Kitty Clover.....Mrs. Everard.

After which,
Grand Aria,..... IL BRAVO,
By Mercadante, will be sung by SIGNOR LANZONI.

A YANKEE STORY,
By the celebrated Comedian,
Mr. Josh Silsbee.

To be followed by the wonderful performances of
PROFESSOR RISLEY,
THE INFANT PRODIGY,
AND MONS. D'EVANI!
Concluding with the incredible
PEDESTAL FEAT,
In which Mons. D'Evani
Sets all Laws of Nature at Defiance!

To conclude with the 3d and 4th acts of Verdi's Grand Opera of
ERNANI.

Donna Elvira.....Madame Barili Thorn
John of Aragon.....Signor Scola
Charles V.....Signor Lanzoni
Ending with the Grand Finale!
Prompter of the Opera.....SIG. BECHERINI.

PRICES OF ADMISSION:
Parquette and Dress Circle - - - - - $2 00
Orchestra Boxes - - - - - - $3 00
Private Boxes - - - $9, $10, $15, $20 00
Second and Third Tier, and Colored Gallery $1 00

Doors open at 7½ - - Curtain rises at 8

Seats and Tickets can be secured from 9½ o'clk to 4.

The Ladies and Gentlemen who have so kindly volunteered their services in aid of the Fire Department Benefit, are requested to meet on the Metropolitan stage, on Monday morning, Sept. 2, at 11 o'clock.
j630 B. A. BAKER, Stage Manager.

BY TELEGRAPH.

[EXCLUSIVELY TO THE FIREMAN'S JOURNAL.]

SACRAMENTO, June 29—8 P. M.

Judge C. H. Bryan, of Yuba, has been nominated for Judge of the Supreme Court, short term, and Myron Norton, of Los Angeles, for the long term. After which, the Convention adjourned.

The plans, specifications, and building proposals for the houses of Engine Companies 1, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, and Hook and Ladder Companies 1 and 2, have been received, signed and approved by the Fire and Water Committee.

Clipper ship Panama, 110 days from New York, arrived yesterday.

Rich gold discoveries have been made near Fort Colville. The fort is up the Columbia River, and the gold is found on one of its tributaries. The deposites are said to be very rich. Some claims yielded $20 per day. There are some persons who appear to think the whole affair a hoax.

LIST OF FIRES AND ALARMS
DURING THE WEEK.

June 24, 7 P. M.—Alarm from Monumental bell; explosion camphene lamp, corner Washington and Dupont streets; no damage.

June 29, 1 1-2 P. M.—Alarm from California bell; steam from steam boiler, rear of Pilot Mills, Sansome street, near Bush; no damage; the entire Department on the ground.

BUSINESS NOTICES.

By late arrivals, S. Rosenthal, at the corner of Kearny and Commercial streets, has received a splendid supply of rich silks and fancy goods, which he is selling at lower prices than goods of like quality have ever been offered in San Francisco. We refer to his abvertisement, and urge our lady friends to give him a call.

Winn, the greatest of all caterers to the appetite, will give to our citizens on Wednesday next the best bill of fare that he has yet presented. For the occasion of the celebration of our glorious Anniversary, he will, for that day only, open the extensive saloon of the Union Hotel, and offer such inducements to the epicure as cannot fail to give full satisfaction.

Dr. Arthur B. Stout is the only authorized agent in California for the National Loan Fund Life Assurance Society of London and New York, and the Ætna Life Insurance office of Connecticut. His office is at No. 240 Washington street.

OBITUARY.

The notes of marshal music accompanying the Firemen on one of their festive marches, scarcely dies away on the air, when the melancholy dirge of the funeral march, and the solemn tramp of men, announces to the community that one of those sudden changes of life has taken place. It seemed but yesterday that the pathway of the 'Howard' Company was strewed with the flowers of gay rejoicings; to-day the weeds of mourning prevail. On Wednesday morning last, at 5 o'clock, Augustus A. Stevens, an active member of the Department, attached to 'Howard' Company, departed this life in the twenty-seventh year of his age. About six months since, while assiduously laboring to save the property of a fellow-citizen from fire, he contracted a severe cold being overheated and working in wet clothing. At first, as is usual with firemen, it was looked upon but as temporary, but gradually, a cough, severe and painful followed, when it became evident that Mr. Stevens was the victim of a hasty consumption. He lingered on, travelling from one place to another, in the hope of regaining his health, but to no purpose, and he returned to the home of his friends to die. He was a gay-hearted and pleasant companion, with noble traits of character, generous to a fault, chivalrous in his bearing, and inoffensive in manner. In his death, his comrades loose a valuable associate, and the Department a reliable member. Mr. Stevens was a native of Marblehead, Mass., and emigrated to this State from Quincy. He was buried on Thursday last, from Dr. Cutler's church, on Stockton street, and his remains followed to their last resting place by the members of his own company, and a large number of the members of the Department. During his illness kind and dear friends administered to his wants—which will be a melancholy, but pleasing consolation to his friends.

MARRIED:

In this city, June 26, by the Rev. Dr. Scott, Chas. Seymour, of New York, to Miss Eliza Augusta McCoy, of Brooklyn.

In Coloma, June 20, by John L. Long, J. P., Richard Williner to Miss Catherine Asher, both of Coloma.

In Suisun Valley, June 28, Marvin M. Richardson, of Vallejo, to Miss Caroline Barton, of the former place.

In Marston Mills, Mass., April 22, Timothy Hinckley, of Nantucket, late of Jackson, California, to Miss Olivia Hinckley, of the former place.

DIED:

In this city, June 27, at his residence on Stockton street, Augustus A. Stevens, aged 28 years.

In Sacramento, June 27, Michael Dugan, a native of County Kerry, Ireland, and formerly of Chicago, Illinois, aged 40 years.

In Marysville, June 22, Bridget Reading, aged 75 years, formerly of Memphis, Tennessee.

In Honolulu, May 29, Mrs. Johnson, wife of Mr. S. Johnson.

In Tahiti, May 13, a son of Queen Pamare, aged 17 years.

NEW DRY GOODS!

Received by late arrivals, at

S. ROSENTHAL'S,

Corner of Kearny and Commercial Streets.

75 Silk Dresses.....$7 50 per dress
250 Dresses, Indiennes a caro.....$2 per dress
150 pieces Toil de Nord.....37½ cts. per yard
100 dos Ladies' White Hose.....$1 50 per doz
100 dos White Linen Cambric Hdkfs.....$1 70 per doz
100 pieces White Linen Cambric Hdkfs.....$2 per doz
200 pieces Bonnet Ribbons.....75 cts. per yard
100 pieces Bonnet Ribbons.....31 cts. per yard

Silks, plain colors, as well as black Moire Antique, superior quality. Also—

A Large Invoice of French Needle Work, the Latest Style.

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NOTICE.—Whereas, W. B. DINSMORE, E. S. SANFORD and S. M. SHOEMAKER, comprising the firm of ADAMS & Co., of New York, have made and constituted JOHN D. SANBORN Agent, to take charge of certain unsettled business belonging to said parties in California, now this is to certify that I have transferred to the said John D. Sanborn all powers that were entrusted to me in the premises.

JOHN K. STIMSON,
Late Agent of Adams & Co., New York.

San Francisco, June 23, 1855.

SPECIAL NOTICE.—The undersigned having been appointed Agent for the settlement of all demands due the firm of ADAMS & Co., of New York, and also to take charge of certain unsettled business in the State of California, hereby gives notice to all parties interested, that he has full and sole power to settle and discharge all demands due said firm for freight, collections, rents, etc. etc.

J. D. SANBORN,
Office of J. HAWES & Co., Sacramento street.

San Francisco, June 23, 1855. je30

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

BOARD OF FOREMEN.—An Adjourned Meeting of the Board will be held this (Saturday) evening, June 30th, at the Chambers of the Board of Delegates, City Hall, at 8 o'clock. Every member is desired to be present. By order,

MARCUS D. BORUCK, Secretary.

EMPIRE No. 1.—The Regular Monthly Meeting will be held on Friday evening next, July 6th, at 7½ o'clock, in the Chambers of the Board of Delegates, City Hall. By order,

T. HENRY FLANAGAN, Secretary.

MANHATTAN No. 2.—The Regular Monthly Meeting will be held on Monday evening next, July 2d, at 7½ o'clock. By order,

E. DOLIDON, Secretary.

HOWARD No. 3.—The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Company will be held on Wednesday evening next, July 4th, at 7½ o'clock. By order,

CHARLES L. BARRUS, Secretary.

CALIFORNIA No. 4.—The Regular Monthly Meeting will be held on Saturday evening next, July 7th, at 7½ o'clock. By order,

ADAM T. GREEN, Secretary.

KNICKERBOCKER No. 5.—The Regular Monthly Meeting of your Company will be held on Tuesday evening next, July 3d, at 7½ o'clock. By order,

STEPHEN T. KING, Secretary.

KNICKERBOCKER No. 5.—An Adjourned Meeting of your Company will be held this [Saturday] evening, June 30th, at 7½ o'clock. Members are earnestly requested to be present, as business of importance will be transacted. STEPHEN T. KING, Secretary.

MONUMENTAL No. 6.—The Regular Monthly Meeting of your Company will be held on Tuesday evening next, July 3d, at 7½ o'clock. By order,

CHARLES M. CHASE, Secretary.

VOLUNTEER No. 7.—The Regular Monthly Meeting of your Company will be held on Thursday evening next, July 5th, at 7½ o'clock. By order,

GEORGE A. DAVIS, Secretary.

PACIFIC No. 8.—The Regular Monthly Meeting of your Company will be held on Tuesday evening next July 3d, at 7½ o'clock. By order,

C. WALSH, Foreman.

VIGILANT No. 9.—An Adjourned Meeting of your Company will be held on Monday evening next, July 2d, at 8 o'clock. The punctual attendance of every member is requested. By order,

A. IRVING ELLIS, Secretary.

CRESCENT No. 10.—The Regular Monthly Meeting of your Company will be held on Monday evening next, July 2d, at 7½ o'clock. By order,

J. H. KELLER, Secretary.

COLUMBIAN No. 11.—The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Company will be held on Wednesday evening next, July 4th, at 7½ o'clock. By order,

ALEXANDER DEVOE, Secretary.

PENNSYLVANIA No. 12.—The Regular Monthly Meeting of your Company will be held on Wednesday evening next, July 4th, at 7½ o'clock. By order,

JAMES S. THOMPSON, Secretary.

YOUNG AMERICA No. 13.—The Regular Monthly Meeting of your Company will be held on Friday evening next, July 6th, at 7½ o'clock. By order,

MICHAEL LYNCH, Secretary.

ST. FRANCIS H. & L. No. 1.—The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Company will be held on Wednesday evening next, July 4th, at 7½ o'clock. By order,

JACOB EZEKIEL, Secretary.

ST. FRANCIS H. & L. No. 1—Attention!— Meet at the Truck House on Monday morning, July 2d, at 9 o'clock, in full uniform for parade. By order,

JACOB EZEKIEL, Secretary.

Les Membres de la Compagnie Lafayette, No. 2, sont priés de se réunir au local rue Broadway, Lundi matin, le 2d Juillet, a 9 heures precisés, EN UNIFORME. Par ordre,

H. A. COBB, Commandant.

Sansome H. & L. Co. 3.—A Special Meeting of your Company will be held this (Saturday) evening, at 7½ o'clock. Every member is requested to be present, as business of importance is to be transacted.

je30 By order, THOS. D GREENE, Secretary.

SANSOME H. & L. No. 3.—The Regular Monthly Meeting of your Company will be held on Tuesday evening next, July 3d, at 7½ o'clock. By order,

THOMAS D. GREENE, Secretary.

Attention, Marions!—You will meet at the Armory This Day, (Saturday, June 30th.) at 1 o'clock, P. M., in full uniform, for parade. By order,

je30 E. A. RIGG, O. S.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

We desire to notify our customers and the public, that we will remove to the new Banking House on the southwest corner of Clay and Battery streets, on the 4th of July next; at which place we shall be prepared to transact business at 9 o'clock on Thursday morning, July 5th.

je30 DREXEL, SATHER & CHURCH.

COUNTY TREASURER'S OFFICE, San Francisco, June 27, 1855.

Notice is hereby given to holders of County Warrants, New Issue, registered prior to July 29th, 1854, that they will be redeemed on presentation at this office.

je30 GEO. W. GREEN, County Treasurer.

LIFE INSURANCE.

THE NATIONAL LOAN FUND LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY, of London and New York.

THE ÆTNA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, Of Connecticut.

Agency for California—

ARTHUR B. STOUT, M. D., Agent,
No. 240 Washington street.

je30 Between Dupont and Stockton streets.

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A. M. BURNS, Commander,

Will sail from Jackson Street Wharf, for SAN JUAN DEL SUR,

ON SATURDAY, JUNE 30th, at 9 o'clk A. M.

Connecting on the Atlantic with the steamers Northern Light, New York, and Promethues for New Orleans.

The water in the San Juan is high, and it is confidently expected that the present trip will be made to New York in 20 days.

The Company have placed three new and commodious Steamers on Lake Nicaragua, fitted up with sleeping accommodations for passengers, doing away with any risk of delay on the route. For further particulars, apply to

C. K. GARRISON, Agent

je23 Corner of Sacramento and Leidesdorff sts.

WELLS, FARGO & CO.'S
EXPRESS NOTICE.

FOR THE STEAMER OF JUNE 30th, 1855.

Via Nicaragua.

Our next Express for the Atlantic States and Europe, will be dispatched by the Nicaragua Steamship Co.'s steamer

Cortes,

A. M. Burns, Commander,

On Saturday,.....June 30th, 1855

—AT 9 O'CLOCK, A. M.—

In charge of a special messenger.

Treasure received for shipment (and insured) until 12 o'clock on Friday night, June 29th, and small packages and parcels received until within one hour of the time of sailing. WELLS, FARGO & CO.,

je23 Corner of Montgomery and California sts

AMERICAN THEATRE.

Manager.....Mr. JOSEPH S. DUNLAP.
Stage Manager.....Mr JAMES DOWLING.

THIS [SATURDAY] EVENING, JUNE 30th, will be produced Shakspeare's Comedy of

MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING.

Beatrice, - - - - - Miss Laura Keene
Benedick, - - - - - Mr Wheatleigh

La Zingaratta, by Mlle Thierry and Mons Barnardilla

To conclude with the Farce of the

DEBUTANTE.

Achille Talma Dufard, - - Mr. Wheatleigh
Emilie Antoinette Rose, - - - Mrs Thoman

PRICES OF ADMISSION:

Dress Circle and Parquette.....$2 00
Family Circle.....1 00
Gallery.....25 Cents | Third Tier.....50
Orchestra Seats.....3 00
Private Boxes.....10 00

Doors open at 7½, and Performances commence at 8 o'clock precisely.

BOX OFFICE open from 9½ A. M. till 4 P. M. al4

SAN FRANCISCO HALL.

WASHINGTON, BETWEEN MONTGOMERY AND KEARNY STS

MUSICAL DIRECTOR. . . . . C. D. ABBOTT
STAGE MANAGER. . . . . S. C. CAMPBELL

OPEN EVERY NIGHT IN THE WEEK.

THE HALL HAVING BEEN THOROUGHLY RE-FITTED, decorated, and renovated IS NOW OPEN to the public as a permanent Place of Amusement. A great variety of SONGS, DANCES, NEGRO EXTRAVAGANZAS, URLETTAS, etc, will be offered each night. The

SAN FRANCISCO MINSTRELS,

Consist of the following well known and celebrated delineators:

EPH. HORN, | JERRY BRYANT,
L CAMPBELL, | C. D. ABBOTT,
N. LOTHIAN. | W. BARKER,
H MORGAN, | W. D. CORRISTER.

CHANGE OF PERFORMANCE EACH EVENING

Doors open at 7 o'clock—Performance to commence at a quarter to 8 o'clock precisely.

PRICES OF ADMISSION:

Dress Circle . . . $1 | Private Boxes $2
Orchestra Seats . . . $2 | Parquet . . . . 50 Cents

Box Office open Daily, from 10 A. M. till 4 P M, when Boxes and Seats can be secured.....Ushers will be in attendance. m26

GERMANIA CONCERT SOCIE Y.

THE SOCIETY WILL COMMENCE A Series of TWELVE CONCERTS—the Second Concert to take place

ON NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 24TH, 1855,

And every succeeding Sunday. The ORCHESTRA, full and complete, comprises the following Artists:—

E. Schutz, C. Kohler, A. Fischer, S. Smitz, C. Schultz, } 1st Violins
C. Koppitz.....Flute
J.K.Kendall, 1st Claronet
F. Bohme....2d Claronet
C. Fisher..... 1st Horn
E. Schiffel.....2d Horn
C. York.....Cornet
E. Buchel.....Trombone
} 2d Violins
A. Helwig, ... Alto
E. Hegelund..Violincello
C. Kull,....Contra Basso

Leader of the Orchestra, - - E. SCHUTZ.

☞ MR. MARTIN SIMONSEN, the celebrated Violinist, is engaged, and will perform a Solo every alternate Sunday evening. Arrangements have been made with several celebrated Artists and Vocalists, who will appear in the course of the season.

The Concert will take place at

THE TERN-VEREIN HALL,

Bush st. between Stockton and Powell.

Doors open at 7 o'clock, - Performance to commence at 8 o'clock precisely.

☞ PRICE OF ADMISSION—50 CENTS. ☜

CELEBRATION OF THE FOURTH!

IMMENSE SUCCESS!

The Large Saloon in the Union Hotel,

(OPPOSITE THE PLAZA,)

Will be magnificently decorated with FLAGS OF ALL NATIONS, (that can be obtained,) with their Emblems and Mottos, suited to the occasion, and opened for the accommodation of Ladies and Gentlemen on that day. The place will be known as

WINNS' BRANCH,

For the Fourth of July, 1855.

☞ More particulars hereafter. M. L. WINN.

☞ WANTED—15 or 20 WAITERS: also 6 or 8 YOUNG LADIES, to hull strawberries on this occasion. Apply at "Winn's Fountain Head," No. 164 Kearny street. je30

Pacific Mail Steamship Co.'s Line

FOR NEW YORK AND NEW ORLEANS. VIA PANAMA:

By Steamship and Railroad!

The new and elegant Steamship

Sonora,

2 500 TONS..... R. L. Whiting, Commander.

Will leave Vallejo Street Wharf for PANAMA with the U. S. Mails, Passengers, and Treasure,

ON SATURDAY.....JUNE 30th,

at 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Entire Isthmus Transit by Railroad

FIFTY POUNDS OF BAGGAGE FREE

☞ Passengers by the P. M. S. S. Co.'s Line will make the Isthmus Transit BY CARS, over the Panama Railroad, which is now finished from Ocean to Ocean.

The completion of the Railroad obviates all the difficulties and inconveniences heretofore experienced in crossing the Isthmus and makes the transit for families most comfortable, safe and speedy.

The Panama Route offers facilities to passengers, not offered by any other route.

FIFTY POUNDSOF BAGGAGE will be allowed to each Passenger, Free!

All above that amount will be charged at the rate of ten cents per pound.

☞ Treasure for shipment will be received on board the Steamer until 10 o'clock, P. M., on FRIDAY, 29th, inst.

For freight or passage, apply to

FORBES & BABCOCK, Agents.
Corner of Sacremento and Leidesdorff sts.

The Sonora will be succeeded by the Steamship Golden Age, to leave on Monday July 16th je23

WELLS, FARGO & CO'S
EXPRESS NOTICE.

FOR THE STEAMER OF JUNE 30th, 1855.

Via Panama.

Our next Regular Express for the Atlantic States and Europe will be dispatched by the Pacific Mail Steamship Company's steamer

Sonora,

R. L. Whiting, Commander,

On Saturday,.....June 30th 1855

—AT 9 O'CLOCK, A. M.—

IN CHARGE OF A SPECIAL MESSENGER.

Treasure received for shipment [and insured] until 12 o'clock on Friday Evening, June 29th, and small Packages and Parcels received until one hour of time of sailing.

☞ EXCHANGE drawn on most of the principal cities and towns in the Atlantic States.

WELLS, FARGO & CO.,
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IMPORTERS OF DRUGS AND CHEMICALS,

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

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" John Gosnell & Co., }
" Thomas Keating. }

Orders from the trade for articles from either of the above Manufacturers, will be promptly executed at the **Manufacturer's Prices.** je9

FREEMAN & CO.,

SUCCESSORS TO ADAMS & CO.'S

FREIGHT, PACKAGE, PARCEL, AND LETTER

EXPRESS.

Office In Armory Building, 124 Montgomery st. Corner of Sacramento.

The undersigned having purchased the entire interest of Messrs. Adams & Co. in the **New York and California Express,** will continue the business under the name and style of

Freeman & Co's

NEW YORK AND CALIFORNIA

EXPRESS,

And are now prepared to transport **Freight, Baggage, Packages, Parcels, Gold Dust, Specie, etc.,** by every steamer via Panama and Nicaragua routes to destination.

We shall also make up an **Express Letter Bag,** and forward regularly by every steamer, in charge of a special Messenger.

Having been engaged in the Express business for the past ten years, and being still connected with the principal Expresses in the Atlantic States, we are enabled to transmit all kinds of Express matter without delay to any part of the Union; also to Canada, Nova Scotia &c

We likewise connect with **Sanford & Co's European Express**

FROM NEW YORK TO LIVERPOOL, LONDON, PARIS, HAVRE, ETC.,

Who forward through with great dispatch.

Our **Second Express** hence, will leave San Francisco on

SATURDAY, JUNE 30, AT 9 O'CLOCK A. M.

By the U. S. Mail steamer **Sonora,** via Panama, and per steamship **Uncle Sam,** same day and hour, via Nicaragua.

Express Letter Bags close at **Fifteen Minutes** before the sailing of the steamers.

All Letters **must** be enclosed in Government Envelopes or they will not be received.

Rates for single Letters, 12½ cents.

JAMES M. FREEMAN, JOHN K. STIMSON, JOSIAH HEDDEN, JOHN HOEY. } Proprietors.

JOHN M. FREEMAN, Manager,
San Francisco,
No. 124 Montgomery Street,
Armory Building

San Francisco, June 23, 1855. je23

PRUDHON & THOMAS,

CONTRACTORS AND BUILDERS,

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SAN FRANCISCO.

COTTON DUCK, MANILA & TARRED ROPE &C

WE are constantly receiving invoices of Duck, Rope &c. direct from the Factories in the Atlantic States; and to dealers and consumers are prepared to sell at the lowest rates. Also constantly on hand—Tar, Pitch, Rosin, Paints, Oils &c. Blocks of all kinds Oars, Sculls, and a general assortment of Ship Chandlery

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FOR FIRE AND LIFE.

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Directors in London,

CHAIRMAN—The Right Hon. Lord Ernest Bruce, M. P.
John Abercrombie, Esq., Thomas N. Farquhar,
Geo. S. Anderson. Charles R. McGregor.

Buildings and Merchandise Insured on liberal terms. Losses adjusted and settled by the undersigned, Agents of the Company. SMITH BROTHERS & CO., je16 cor. of California and Battery streets.

REDUCTION OF FREIGHT

To Sacramento!

From this Date, the California Steam Navigation Company will carry freight to Sacramento at

THREE DOLLARS PER TON,

until further notice.

SAM'L J. HENSLEY, Pres't.
Office Cal. S. N. Co., June 21st, 1855. je23

FIGEL & BROTHER,

Gentlemen's Clothing

—AND—

FURNISHING STORE,

191 Clay St., three doors from Kearny,

SAN FRANCISCO.

ESTABLISHED IN 1849.

We tender our sincere thanks to our friends and patrons for the liberal support received during the past, and are happy to inform them that we have lately received, via the Isthmus, a splendid assortment of fresh and desirable

CLOTHING & FURNISHING GOODS,

Which, added to our former stock, makes it unsupassed by that of any other house in this city, and which we are prepared to sell at a very trifling advance on home cost.

We have extra fine Frock and Dress Coats, all colors; Business Suits; extra fine black and fancy Cassimere Pants. Vests, all kinds; Davis' and Jones' Patent Shirts, all qualities and styles; Alexander's Gloves; Cravats; Handkerchiefs; Collars; Canes; Trunks; Carpet Bags; Valises, Undershirts, Drawers, Caps, &c. Also—

A Large Assortment of Boys' Clothing.

Those wishing to purchase will do well to call and examine our stock before buying elsewhere.

FIGEL & BROTHER,
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Still Further Reductions!!

A. AUSTIN & CO.,

Will offer on Monday, and succeeding days until disposed of, an additional lot of

DESIRABLE SILKS,

Mantillas, Embroideries,

And other goods in their line, at prices still less than before—it being necessary to make room for new goods to arrive. Ladies may be sure of getting bargains

Montgomery street, between Sacramento and California streets. je23

Gallego and Haxall Flour—Chile Flour, fresh, in one-half and one-quarter sacks. For sale in lots to suit, by DUNNE & CO.

je23 Sansome street, near Jackson.

Premium Starch—Old Soap—

500 boxes Premium Starch;
700 boxes Old English Soap, 3 years old.

Just the article for laundresses and families. Selling by

je23 BRADSHAW & CO.

Herbs and Spices.—500 Cases Sage, Sweet Marjoram, Thyme Summer Savory, in ¼ and ½-pound tins and glass.

100 cases Spices, assorted; Ground Cassia, Nutmeg, Ginger, Alspice, Cloves, Pepper, in ¼, ½ and 1-lb. tins and glass; also, in bbls. and cases, in bulk, for Grocers, Hotel keepers and others Grinding our own Spices, persons can depend upon a pure article and fresh ground.

je23 BRADSHAW & CO.

Coffee—Coffee—Coffee—

5,000 pounds Old Mocha;
100 bags, 25 and 50 lbs. each, Java;
100 bags Manila;
100 bags Rio. In store and for sale, by

je23 BRADSHAW & CO.

WONDERFUL BARGAINS!

SELLING OFF AT TUCKER'S!

FORTY PER CENT. BELOW COST!

WATCHES, DIAMONDS, CHAINS, AND EVERYTHING IN THE SILVER LINE, SILVER WARE, ETC. ETC. ETC.

OWING TO THE DEPRESSED STATE OF TRADE at present I have determined to sell from $20,000 to $30,000 worth of Jewelry at the above prices, rather than to borrow money at exorbitant rates of interest. Holding as I do a stock of **FINE JEWELRY worth $175,000.** it becomes necessary to find a market for some of it; and feel willing to make a sacrifice on a small amount. This will be the LAST CHANCE that you will ever have to purchase such goods at such prices.

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FOURNISSEURS DE PROVISIONS,

Pour Navires, Batteaux, a Vapeurs

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☞ **Au Coin des Rue Front et Pacific,** ☜

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

NOTICE.

The Committee selected by the Shareholders of the METROPOLITAN HOMESTEAD ASSOCIATION, on Tuesday morning, for the purpose of superintending the printing of a new set of tickets to be put in the wheel, respectfully notify the public that the said tickets will be ready in time for the drawing to take place

On this, Saturday Morning, 23d inst.,

At 10 o'clock precisely.

(Signed) ANGUS KING.
J. L. YOUNGERMAN,
J. STRATTON,
C. L. COLBY.
WM. WOLFE.

je23

COUNTY TREASURER'S OFFICE
San Francisco, June 18, 1855.

REDEMPTION OF COUNTY BONDS.—In accordance with an Act of the Legislature of the State of California, passed May 4, 1852, entitled an Act to fund the floating debt of the County of San Francisco, the sum of fourteen thousand four hundred dollars has been **raised** and set apart for the redemption of seven per cent bonds of the County of San Francisco, payable on the 1st day of July, 1862. The holders of said bonds are hereby notified that I will redeem said bonds less Coupons number 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, to the amount above mentioned, on the **10th day of July, 1855, at 2 o'clock, P. M.,** at Public Auction, according to said Act, and shall accept such bids as will secure the cancellation of the greatest amount of bonds.

GEORGE W. GREEN,
je23 County Treasurer.

CALIFORNIA STEAM NAVIGATION CO.

Arrangements for June, 1855.

DEPARTURES FROM VALLEJO ST. WHARF

FOR SACRAMENTO
VIA BENICIA.
....Daily, at 4 o'clock P. M.....

Steamer SENATOR, Capt. E. A. Poole, Master; Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays.

Steamer ANTELOPE, D. VAN PELT, Master; Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

FOR MARYSVILLE,
VIA BENICIA.
.....Daily, at 4 o'clock, P. M.....

BY THE SACRAMENTO STEAMERS CONNECTING with the Company's LIGHT DRAUGHT STEAMERS at Sacramento. ☞ Through Tickets issued.

FOR STOCKTON,
VIA MARTINEZ.
....Daily at 4 o'clock, P. M.....

Steamer CORNELIA, E. CONCKLIN, Master, MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS, and FRIDAYS.
Steamer URILDA, CLARK, Master, TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS, and SATURDAYS

FOR COLUSI, RED BLUFFS
AND INTERMEDIATE LANDINGS.
....Daily at 4 o'clock, P. M.....

BY THE SACRAMENTO STEAMERS, CONNECTING with the Company's Light Draught Steamers, which leave Sacramento
Tuesdays Thursdays and Saturdays, at 12 o'clock, M.

Freight by the above Boats must be paid for on delivery. For particulars, apply at the office of the Company, Jackson street, between Battery and Front, to

SAM J. HENSLEY, President.

Office of the California Steam Navigation Co., San Francisco, June 1, 1855 } j2

PACIFIC EXPRESS COMPANY

THE LATE EMPLOYEES OF ADAMS & CO., IN CONsequence of the disruption of that firm, have organized themselves into a

JOINT STOCK COMPANY,

under the above name and title, for the purpose of conducting a GENERAL EXPRESS AND FORWARDING BUSINESS in all its branches, throughout California, Oregon, and the Pacific coast generally.

The business will be strictly and solely a forwarding one, having no connection with Banks or Bankers, and will be conducted on safe and economical principles.

The Expresses will leave the office, at the northwest corner of Washington and Montgomery streets daily at regular hours for Sacramento and the Northern Mines, Stockton and the Southern Mines, San Jose, San Juan, and Santa Cruz, Monterey, San Pedro, and the Southern Coast generally, as well as to the Northern Coast of California and to Oregon. We will also run a Regular Express, for freight, small parcels and letters, to and from the Atlantic States by every steamer.

The parties who have organized this Company are well known in the community as old and experienced Expressmen, and hope it will be acknowledged generally that they understand their business thoroughly. They think they are not saying too much when they attribute much of their success of the late firm of Adams & Co., in the Express business to their exertions and personal energies.

In conclusion, they would solicit a fair share of the favors of the public, pledging themselves to exert their best endeavors to transact such business as may be entrusted to them in a prompt and businesslike manner.

Collections of all kinds will be promptly attended to on any of the points mentioned above.

a7 R. G. NOYES, President

NOTICE

To Livery Stable-keepers,

Draymen, Grocers, &c., &c.

G. V. HALL & CO'S

CELEBRATED

ANTI-FRICTION AXLE GREASE,

Prepared solely for

Coaches, Drays, Express Wagons,

And all kinds of Wheel Carriages.

This Grease for Omnibusses, Wagons, Carts, &c., is found to be superior to any other discovered; it combines all the blandness of oil with the free, greasy nature of tallow; keeps the axles always cool and clean, and remains on them without application, double the time of any other grease known.

Price, Twenty-Five Cents per Pound.

To be had Retail of all the Grocers and Paint Shops in the city, and Wholesale in 100 pound packages, from

GILBERT & McCOMBE.
Oil and Camphine Manufacturers,
67 and 69 Washington street,
je16 Between Front and Davis.

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WILLIAM M. HIXON,

UPHOLSTERY, PAPER HANGING,

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Fire Proof Brick Store, 172 Clay St., above Mont'y.

I am constantly receiving the latest styles of Curtain Materials and Trimmings, Window Shades and Venitian Blinds, with the most approved style of fixtures, French and American Paper Hangings, and Borders, wholesale and retail. Houses clothed and papered at short notice.

UPHOLSTERY WORK,

In its various branches promptly and personally attended to

All orders for work or material, at the lowest rates

Steamboats and Ship's Cabins, furnished with neatness and despatch. Proprietors of Hotels and Saloons, will find it to their advantage to call and examine my Stock before purchasing elsewhere. WILLIAM M. HIXON,
Upholsterer and Paper Hanger,

a21 3m No. 172 Clay St., above Montgomery.

H. BLUM'S,

GENTLEMEN'S FASHIONABLE FURNISHING STORE.

103 Montgomery Street, between SACRAMENTO AND CALIFORNIA.

Largest sizes of all kinds of Gentlemen's Furnishing Goods; lately received a large assortment of fine shirts also night shirts and drawers.

Genuine Alexander's Kid Gloves &c.

N. B Particular attention paid to the fitting of Customers, with the latest styles, which are received every steamer. j16

MRS C. PIERSON.
NATIONAL AND FANCY
FLAG MAKER.

BROADWAY BELOW STOCKTON STREET NORTH SIDE

Guide, Sign, Signal, and other Flags of all descriptions made to order. Constantly on hand a variety of American Ensigns.

REMOVAL.

BRYANT, ELLIS & WINEGAR'S

EMPIRE FURNITURE WAREROOMS,

Have been Removed from 136 and 137 Clay street to **134 Washington street,** just below Montgomery

COPARTNERSHIP NOTICE.

The undersigned have formed a copartnership for the purpose of manufacturing and carrying on the Wholesale and retail Furniture Trade in this city, under the name and style of G. W. BRYANT & CO.

Resident Partners New York:
CHAS. IRVING & STEPHEN CLARK.
No. 347 Third Avenue,
Manufacturers and wholesale dealers in Cabinet Furniture.

Resident Partners in San Francisco:
G. W. BRYANT,
M. C. ELLIS,
A. B. WINEGAR,
No. 134 Washington street,
Importers and Wholesale and Retail Dealers in Furniture and Bedding.

San Francisco, June 1st, 1855.

BRYANT, ELLIS & WINEGAR have recently connected their house with one of the oldest and best manufacturing establishments in New York city, who are constantly supplying them by every clipper with every style and quality of the choicest kinds of custom made furniture.

As we manufacture our own goods, we are able to offer to our patrons a saving of one profit of at least from 10 to 20 per cent.

And also warrant entire satisfaction as regards durability and price, as we are offering goods from

20 to 25 per cent. lower

than the same style and quality have heretofore been sold.

Those who will favor us with a call will find a splendid, full and varied stock of Parlor, Chamber, Dining and Office Furniture, and not the poor auction stuff which is generally sent to this market. Remember that!

Also, a good assortment of Gilt and Mahogany Frame Looking-Glasses eight day and 30 hour Clocks Hair, Moss, and Straw Mattresses, Feather and Hair Pillows, Sheets, Pillow-cases, Counterpanes, Comforters Blankets, &c. &c.

Please call at No. 134 Washington street before purchasing and judge for yourselves. je16

CIRCULAR.

BANKING HOUSE OF F. A. SEILLIERE,
PARIS, 31st December, 1854.

I HAVE ESTABLISHED A BRANCH OF MY HOUSE IN San Francisco, (California) under the name and style of ABEL GUY.

Consequently my house in Paris is responsible for all operations of its branch in San Francisco.

F. A. SEILLIERE.

BANKING HOUSE OF ABEL GUY,
Washington street,
Between Sansome and Battery.

I BEG TO INFORM MY FRIENDS, THAT I AM NOW prepared to receive Deposits and to carry on a regular Banking business in all its details.

EXCHANGE for sale at current rates on
VON HOFFMANN & CO - - - - NEW YORK
ARING, BROTHERS & CO - - - - - LONDON
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LADIES DRESS TRIMMINGS, HOSIERY, Gloves, Worsted Embroideries, Buttons, Laces, Gimp, Fringes, and fancy articles, in great variety.

BOYS' CLOTHING,

New and Beautiful styles. Gold and Silver Embroidery, for Military and Navy Officers, and Societies, of every description, done to order.

AMERICAN ENSIGNS

Of all sizes on hand, and Burgee's Signals and other Flags made to order. Masonic, Odd Fellows' and other Regalia on hand and made to order on reasonable terms.

Swords, Epaulett's,

And Military Goods of all kinds; together with Gold and Silver Fringes, Theatrical Trimmings, &c., &c.

D. NORCROSS,
144, Sacramento street.

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WAINWRIGHT, RANDALL & CO.,

Real Estate & Stock Auctioneers

No. 100, MERCHANT ST.,

SAN FRANCISCO.

We respectfully inform our friends and the public generally,

[Lines from the Knickerbocker Magazine.

'I LENT my love a book one day.
She brought it back, I laid it by;
'Twas little either had to say—
She was so strange, and I so shy.

'But yet we loved indifferent things—
The sprouting buds, the birds in tune;
And TIME stood still and wreathed his wings
With rosy links from June to June.

'For her, what task to dare or do?
What peril tempt? what hardship bear?
But with her ah! she never knew
My heart, and what was hidden there!

'And she with me, so cold and coy,
Seemed like a maid bereft of sense;
But in a crowd, all life and joy,
And full of blushful impudence.

'She married! well, a woman needs
A mate, her life and love to share—
And little cares sprang up like weeds,
And played around her elbow-chair.

'And years rolled by, but I, content,
Trimmed my one lamp and kept it bright,
'Till age's touch my hair besprent
With rays and gleams of silver light.

'And then it chanced, I took the book
Which *she* had read in days gone by,
And as I read such passion shook
My soul, I needs must curse or cry.

'For here and there her love was writ
In old, half-faded pencil-signs,
As if she yielded, bit by bit,
Her heart, in dots and under-lines.

'Ah! silvered fool! too late you look!
I know it; let me here record
This maxim, '*Lend no maid a book,*
Unless you read it afterward.

EXTRACTS.

The loss of friends is a wholesome grief, and the tears of sympathy are like balm to the sufferer; but loss of property is a wound that festers.

Instructive conversation; suggestive silence; these are the characteristics of good society.

The incapacity of men to understand each other is one of the principal causes of their ill-temper towards each other.

Men in whom the imagination predominates are apt to convert facts into fictions, and live in a world of their own creation.

The height of gallantry.—Kissing a woman who takes snuff.

Why are green peas like Sebastopol? Because they must be shelled before taken.

A ray of light to the understanding is better than a volume committed to memory.

In man's works, as in those of nature, the intention is the great thing to be studied.

'I hate fogs,' said Jeremy Diddler; 'in a fog, one is apt to run plump against his tailor.'

I never knew a man who deserved to be well thought of himself for his morals, who had a slight opinion of the virtue of the other sex.

I know of no homage more worthy of the Deity, than the silent admiration excited by the contemplation of his works.

Men who cannot reason, resort to precedents, as if there were not more bad precedents than good ones.

The lady who tried to read history by the 'light of other days,' was forced to postpone her studies when she got into the 'dark ages.'

In 1776, the British government hired thousands of Hessians to cut our throats, and now in 1855, they are engaging the same gentlemen to perform the like operation for the Russians.

ANGLING.—'Anyt'ing pite you dar?' inquired one Dutchman of another while engaged in angling. 'No, not'ing at all.' 'Vell,' returned the other, 'not'ing pite me, too.'

Some lone bachelor is guilty of the following: Why is the heart of a lover like the sea serpent? Because it is the secreter (sea critter) of great sighs (size).

We often receive a report that there is nothing new before Sebastopol, and I should say a correct one, judging from the ragged state we hear that the soldiers are in.

Dr. Cox, speaking of persons who profess to do a great deal for religion, without really possessing any, says they resemble Noah's carpenters, who built a ship in which other people were saved, although they were drowned themselves.

An unmarried friend declared to us, the other day, with an expression of countenance most lugubrious—'I never cared a farthing about getting married, until I attended an old bachelor's funeral.'

One reason why we see so few agreeable in conversation is, that almost everybody is more intent on what he himself has a mind to say, than upon making pertinent replies to what the rest of the company say to him.

Profound ignorance makes a man dogmatic. He knows nothing, thinks he can teach others what he has just now learned himself; while he who knows a great deal, can scarce imagine any one cannot be acquainted with what he says and speaks for this reason with more diffidence.

Ah? said Dr. Boomerang, meeting a patient of his in Washington street, I need not ask you the cause of your being out again; you followed my prescriptions. No I didn't, doctor. If I had done so, I should have been a dead man; for I threw them out the window.

The subjoined advertisement is extracted from an Irish newspaper: Missing from Killarney, Jane O'Fogarty, she had in her arms two babies and a Guernsey cow, all black, with red hair and tortoise shell combs behind her ears, and large spots all down her back which squints awfully.

The six degrees of crime are thus defined; He who steals a million is only a financier. Who steals a half million is only a defaulter. Who steals a quarter of a million is a swindler. Who steals a hundred thousand is a rogue. Who steals fifty thousand is a knave. But he who steals a pair of boots or a loaf of bread is a scoundrel of the deepest dye, and deserves to be lynched.

"Friend Franklin," said Myers Fisher, a celebrated lawyer of Philadelphia, one day, to our immortal philosopher and statesman, "thee knows almost everything, can thee tell me how I am to preserve my small beer in the back yard? My neighbors are often tapping it of nights." "Put a barrel of old Madeira by the side of it," replied the doctor, "let rogues once get a taste of that and I warrant they'll never touch your small beer any more."

The Abbe Reigner, secretary of the French Academy, one day made a collection in his hat of one pistole from every member to defray current expenses. The abbe did not observe that the president, who was a very avaricious man, had put his pistole into the hat, and presented it to him a second time. I have given already, said he. I believe it, said the abbe, but I did not see it. And I, rejoined Fontenelle, who was at his side; saw it, but did not believe it.

One of our physicians, making his morning calls, in passing the residence of one of his families, saw a piece of crape attached to the door-knob. Naturally interested in the circumstance, and seeing a little 'five year old' girl, belonging to the family, standing on the walk, he reined up his horse and asked:—

'Mary, who is dead at your house?'

'Sister.'

'Ah! what doctor did you have to attend her?'

'O, we didn't have any; sister managed to die without one.'

A New York correspondent of the Sidney Democrat says that the proprietors of one of the first hotels in that city owed the sum of six hundred dollars which could not be collected from them. They were finally sued, and the lawyer went up to the hotel to serve the summons. When he had served it, the landlord smiled and told him he was taking a great deal of useless trouble—the property was all mortgaged, and judgement would be of no use. The lawyer told him he might do as he wished about paying the amount, but he should come up about dinner time and attach the whole dinner, and repeat the same every day until the judgement was satisfied. It is needless to add that the $600 was soon paid.

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The work contains a full and accurate compendium of all important events connected with the city's existence and progress—Historical, Political, Moral, Religious, and Statistical. It treats of matters of peculiar interest to every Californian, and will be an elegant and valuable addition to his library. It is printed on extra fine paper, and contains 824 royal octavo pages, in the most superb style of binding. The printing is very neatly executed, and the illustrations—the work of the most eminent artists in the country—graphically portray many interesting events and localities in the history of the early American settlement of this City and State.

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100 gross Extracts of Rose, Almond, Peach, Lemon, Orange, Nectarine, Vanilla, Ginger, Celery, Orange Peel, Cochineal, Cloves and Nutmeg;

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THE UNDERSIGNED HAVE FORMED A co-partnership for the purpose of continuing and carrying on the

FURNITURE TRADE,

as wholesale and retail dealers and importers, in this city and Sacramento, under the name and style of

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Dipped Toast	25 "	Mutton Chop, with truffles or mushrooms	37 "
Dry Toast	12 "	Mutton Chop bread'd	25 "
Anchovy Toast	25 "	Veal Cutlet, with potatoes or onions	25 "
Anchovy sandwich	25 "	Veal Cutlet, with truffles or mushrooms	37 "
Hot Muffins	12 "	Veal Cutlet breaded	25 "
Buckwheat Cakes	25 "	Pork Chop with potatoes or onions	25 "
Hamburg Rolls	12 "	Pork Chop breaded	25 "
Corn Cakes	25 "	do with truffles or mushrooms	37 "
Corn Bread	12 "	Spare Rib of Pork and potatoes	25 "
Fried Mush	12 "	Broiled Pig's Feet	25 "
Fried Smelts	25 "	Pork Sausages	12 "
Fried Flounders	25 "	Bologna do	25 "
Fried Perch	25 "	Black Pudding	12 "
Fish Balls	12 "	Wes phalia Ham	12 "
Broiled or boiled Mackerel	25 "	Fried or Stewed Liver	12 "
Stewed or broiled Codfish	25 "	do with truffles or mushrooms	25 "
Broiled Salmon	25 "	Stewed Kidneys in Madeira	12 "
do do smoked	25 "	do with truffles or mushrooms	25 "
Soft Shell Crabs	25 "	Broiled Kidney	12 "
Porterhouse Steak, with potatoes or onions	50 "	do Chicken	$2 00
Porterhouse Steak, with Truffles or Mushrooms	75 "	do do half	1 00
Beef Steak, with potatoes or onions	25 "	do Quail	50 "
Sirloin Steak, do do	37 "	do English Snipe	50 "
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2 do with sausages	50 "	do with Jam or rum	75 "
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3 Scrambled with truffles	75 "	do with sugar	50 "
Ham and Eggs	50 "		
Omelette of 2 Eggs	37 "		je9

AT A MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS of the **California Steam Navigation Co.,** held at their office on the 23d of February, 1855,

Samuel J. Hensley,	A. Reddington.	David Van Pelt,
Richard Chenery,	W. B. Minturn,	John Bensley,
J. Whitney, Jr.,	R. M. Jessup,	F. F. Low,

Were elected Trustees for one year from the 23d May, 1855,

At the Annual Meeting of the Trustees for the election of Officers, in San Francisco, May 24th, 1855 SAMUEL J. HENSLEY was unanimously elected President.

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To manufacture the different materials that he has constantly on hand, and he hopes that his endeavors will be appreciated by those who choose him to cater to their taste. His facilities in New York are such as to enable him to exhibit semi-monthly, NEW and FASHIONABLE GOODS, and in such quantities that they do not become stale and old style. He would also assure his customers, that no garment is delivered from this establishment that is not a perfect fit, as every article is fitted on before finishing, thereby avoiding the unpleasant necessity of altering after leaving the store. There is no garment in a gentleman's wardrobe that adds more to his appearance, than a handsome fitting pantaloon. He has capped the climax in this particular. The well known style of his

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And have made extensive arrangements for conducting them satisfactorily to all who may favor us with their patronage.

As these new branches possess some novel features, and not having been heretofore introduced in this city, we deem it proper to make manifest their advantages, not only to our own citizens, but to all who may visit our city.

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This department is an agency for leasing and letting DWELLING HOUSES, STORES, SHOPS, ROOMS and BUILDINGS of every description, and will receive the attention its importance demands. From the advantages derived from the "Directory Department," and having made arrangements for receiving information IMMEDIATELY when premises are vacated, we shall possess superior facilities for providing at the shortest notice, Houses, Rooms, and places of business of all kinds, in any part of the city where required. All persons who may have vacant premises, will find this a desirable medium of obtaining tenants for the same, and their business is respectfully solicited.

GENERAL DIRECTORY!

This department will include a REGISTRY, (already prepared) of all persons (except Chinese) within the limits of the city; by reference to which we will be enabled to give the name and residence of all Merchants, Mechanics Artists, Professional men, Laborers, and those out of business, which will be continually corrected as they change their residence, and will receive additions from time to time, as new comers arrive.

We consider the information which our register will afford to be of essential importance, as well to our own community as to strangers, from the fact of changes occurring so frequently among us, and it having been demonstrated that published Directories are nearly useless in a month or two after being issued. This, with other information in our possession, enables us to present a COMPLETE EPITOME of the entire city, which we shall keep "posted up" to keep pace with the movements of its inhabitants.

This department will be under the supervision of an agent who has had a large experience in this branch, here and elsewhere.

To give an idea of our REGISTRY, we may mention that up to the present time it contains the name and address of **forty-three thousand persons,** with their places of nativity, occupation, etc., which has required several months of labor to compile.

We invite the attention of the public to our establishment.

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ORDINANCES.

ORDINANCE 813—POVIDING FOR THE distribution of the Fire Bond Fund—for the erection of Engine Houses—and other purposes

The People of the City of San Francisco do ordain as follows:—

SEC. 1. That the following sums be and are hereby appropriated out of the money now in the hands of the City Treasurer, derived from the sale of the Fire Bonds, viz:

For the erection of an engine house for the use of Empire Engine Co. No. 1 on a lot purchased by ordinance for the use of said company, situated on Sacramento street, near Kearny street, the sum of sixty-five hundred dollars.

For the erection of an engine house for the use of Empire Engine Co. No. 4, on a lot purchased by ordin for for the use of said company, situated on Market street, near Sansome street, the sum of sixty-five hundred dollars.

For the erection of an engine house for the use of Monumental Engine Co. No. 6, on a lot purchased by this ordinance for the use of said company, situated on Brenham Place, near Clay street, the sum of sixty-five hundred dollars.

For the erection of an engine house for the use of Volunteer Engine Co. No. 7, on a lot purchased by ordinance for the use of said company, situated on Pine street, near ——— street, the sum of sixty-five hundred dollars.

For the erection of an engine house for the use of Pacific Engine Co. No. 8, on a lot purchased by ordinance for the use of said company, situated on Jackson street, near Front street, the sum of seven thousand dollars.

For the erection of an engine house for the use of Vigilant Engine Co. No. 9, on a lot purchased by ordinance for the use of said company, situated on Stockton street, near Broadway, the sum of sixty-five hundred dollars.

For the erection of an engine house for the use of Crescent Engine Co. No. 10, situated on Pacific street, near Kearny street, the sum of sixty-five hundred dollars.

For the erection of an engine house for the useof Columbian Engine Co. No 11, on a lot purchased by ordinance for the use of said company, situated on Bush street, near Kearny street, the sum of sixty-five hundred dollars

For the erection of an engine house for the use of Pennsylvania Engine Co. No. 12, on a lot purchased by ordinance for the use of said company, situated on Jackson street near Kearny, the sum of seven thousand dollars.

For the erection of a hook and ladder house for the use of Hook and Ladder Company St. Francis No. 1, on a lot purchased by ordinance for the use of said company, situated on Dupont street, near Sacramento street, the sum of seven thousand dollars.

For the erection of a hook and ladder house for the use of Hook and Ladder Co. Lafayette No 2, on a lot purchased by ordinance for the use of said company, situated on Broadway, near Stockton street, the sum of seven thousand dollars.

For the repairs of an engine house located on Merchant street, near Sansome street, now occupied by Howard Engine Company No. 3, the sum of four thousand dollars.

SEC. 2. That the sum of thirty-five hundred dollars be and is hereby appropriated out of the money now in the hands of the city treasurer, derived from the sale of the Fire Bonds, for the purchase of the right, title and interest of Knickerbocker Engine Company No. 5, in and to an engine house now occupied by Knickerbocker Engine Co No. 5, situated on Sacramento street, near Sansome, and to eight inches of ground running the full depth of the lot upon which said house is located.

SEC. 3. That the sum of thirty-five hundred dollars be and is hereby appropriated out of the money now in the hands of the city treasurer, derived from the sale of the Fire Bonds, for the purchase of the right, title and interest of Monumental Engine Co. No. 6, in and to a lot on Brenham Place, now in the use and possession of said Company.

SEC. 4. That the sum of thirty-five hundred dollars be and is hereby appropriated out of the money now in the hands of the city treasurer, derived from the sale of the Fire Bonds, for the relief of Sansome Hook and Ladder Company No. 3.

SEC. 5. Within ten days after the passage of this ordinance, each of the companies named in section 1st, shall elect a Board of Trustees, to consist of the foreman of the company, (who shall be ex officio chairman of said Board) and four of its members; the same to constitute a Building Committee of the company. It shall be their duty to procure as soon as practicable, plans and specifications for the erection of suitable houses for the use of their respective companies, and in the case of Howard Engine Co. No 3, plans and specifications for the suitable repairs of the building now occupied by them, and submit the same, together with the estimates of at least two responsible builders, of the probable cost of the same, to the Joint Committee on Fire and Water, and the Chief Engineer of the Department, for their approval.

Whenever the Joint Committee on Fire and Water, and the Chief Engineer shall have approved any plan or specification so submitted, the said Trustees shall be and are hereby authorized to contract for the erection of a building, and in the case of Howard Engine Co. No. 3, to contract for the repair of a building, according to said approved plans and specifications; Provided however, that they first enter into a bond with good and sufficient sureties in double the estimated cost of said building, or said rtpairs, that they will cause said building to be erected or said repairs to be made in accordance with said plans and specifications, within sixty days after the date of said approval; that no liens for labor or materials shall accrue against the said building; that no claims against the same for extras or additional work shall exist on the part of the Trustees, the company, or any person or persons, and that the same shall be solely the property of the City of San Francisco.

SEC. 6. In case any of the Companies named in section 1st of this Ordinance, fail to comply with the provisions of section 5th, it shall then be the duty of the Joint Committee on Fire and Water, and the Chief Engineer, at the expiration of ten days succeeding the passage of this Ordinance, to adopt a plan and specifications for the erection of a building for the use of the company so failing, and in the case of Howard Engine Co. No. 3, for the repairs of the building now occupied by them, and upon the adoption of said plan and specifications, to advertise for ten days in at least two of the daily newspapers, for proposals for the erection or repair of the same in accordance with said plans and specifications. Said proposals to be accompanied by the names of at least two responsible sureties, and to be opened by the Chief Engineer in the presence of the Joint Committee on Fire and Water, the contract to be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder, PROVIDED HOWEVER, the lowest responsible bid shall not exceed the amount appropriated for the erection or repair of a building for the use of said Company by this Ordinance.

SEC. 7. The City Comptroller is hereby authorized and instructed to draw his warrant upon the City Treasurer, payable out of the money now in his hands derived from the sale of the Fire Bonds, for the sums named in Section 1st of this Ordinance, upon the orders of the Joint Committee on Fire and Water, and the Chief Engineer, PROVIDED HOWEVER, that no warrant shall be drawn for the payment of the cost of any building until the same shall have been completed and delivered over to the city; and provided, that where the contract shall have been executed by the Chief Engineer and the Joint Committee on Fire and Water, the warrant for the same shall not exceed the amount specified in said contract.

SEC. 8. The City Comptroller is hereby authorized and instructed to draw his warrant upon the City Treasurer, payable out of the money now in his hands derived from the sale of the Fire Bonds in favor of the foreman of the respective companies, for the sums named in Sections 2nd, 3d and 4th of this Ordinance, upon the orders of the Joint Committee on Fire and Water.

SEC. 9. It is hereby made the duty of the Chief Engineer to superintend the erection of the buildings provided for in this Ordinance.

HENRY HAIGHT,
President pro tem of Board of Assistant Aldermen.
JOS. F ATWILL,
President of Board of Aldermen.
Approved, June 9th, 1855.
S. P. WEBB, Mayor.

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of an ordinance passed the Common Council finally, and returned by the Mayor with his approval, dated May 16 1855.
je16 T. M. J. DEHON, Clerk

ORDINANCE 816, REPEALING SECTION 1 of Ordinance No. 282, Revised City Ordinance of the City of San Francisco, and inserting a substitute.

Sec. 1. That section 1 of Ordinance No. 282 Revised City Ordinances of the City of San Francisco, be and the same is hereby repealed, and the following inserted as a substitute:

"Section 1. All dwelling houses, stores or other buildings whatsoever, except such as are hereinafter provided for, which, after the first day of July, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, shall be built or erected within that part of the city of San Francisco bounded as follows, to wit:

Commencing at the N. W. corner of Market and Davis streets, running thence northerly along the western line of Davis street, to the S. W. corner of Davis and Washington streets, thence westerly along the southern line of Washington street to the S. W. corner of Washington and Front streets, thence northerly along the western line of Front street to the southwest corner of Front and Vallejo street, thence westerly along the southerly line of Vallejo street to the S. E corner of Vallejo and Battery streets, thence southerly along the eastern line of Battery street to the S. E corner of Battery and Broadway streets, thence westerly along the southern line of Broadway street to the S. E corner of Broadway and Stockton streets, thence southerly along the eastern line of Stockton street to the N. E corner of Stockton and California streets, thence easterly along the northern line of California street to the N. E corner of California and Dupont streets, thence southerly along the eastern line of Dupont street to the N. E. corner of Dupont and Sutter streets, thence easterly along the northern line of Sutter street to the N. E corner of Sutter and Kearny streets, thence southerly along the eastern line of Kearny street to its intersection with Market street, thence north-easterly along the northern line of Market street to the place of beginning," shall be made and constructed of stone or brick, with party or fire walls, rising at least two feet above the roof, and shall be covered with brick, slate, tile, cement, or other safe material against fire.

HENRY HAIGHT,
Present pro tem. of Board of Assistant Aldermen.
JOS. F. ATWILL,
President of Board of Aldermen.
Approved, June 12, 1855.
S. P. WEBB, Mayor.

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of an ordinance passed the Common Council finally, and returned by the Mayor with his approval dated June 12, 1855.
je16 T. M. J. DEHON, Clerk.

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